

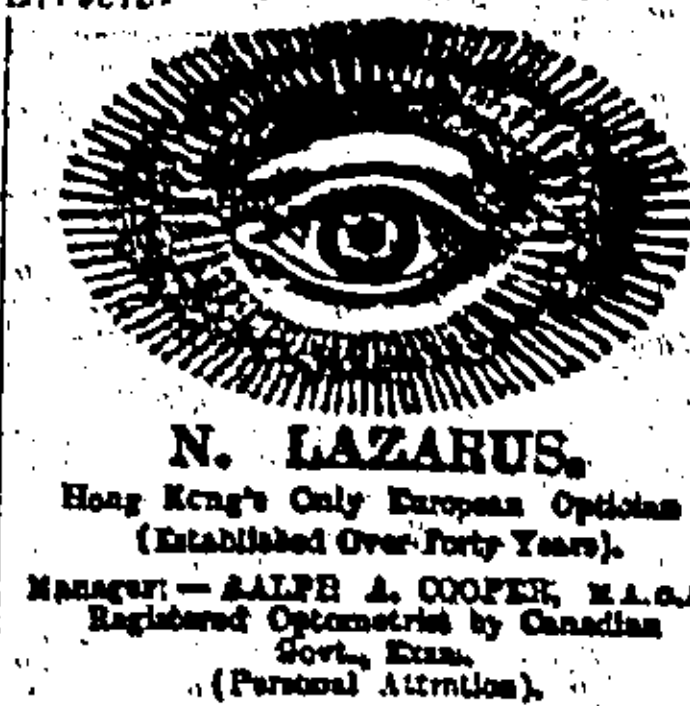
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Kowloon, Dep.	6.40	8.05	8.30	9.05	9.15	10.00	12.10	1.15	1.35	1.55	2.40
Yau Ma Tei, Dep.	6.49	8.14	8.39	9.14	9.24	10.09	12.19	1.24	1.44	1.64	2.49
Shatin, Dep.	7.01	8.26	8.51	9.26	9.36	10.21	12.31	1.36	1.56	2.16	3.01
Tai Po, Dep.	7.15	8.40	9.05	9.40	9.50	10.35	12.45	1.50	2.10	2.30	3.15
Market, Dep.	7.30	8.55	9.20	9.55	10.05	10.40	12.50	1.55	2.15	2.35	3.20
Fanning, Dep.	7.39	9.04	9.29	10.04	10.14	10.49	12.59	2.04	2.24	2.44	3.29
Shan, Dep.	7.45	9.10	9.35	10.10	10.20	10.55	13.05	2.10	2.30	2.50	3.35
Canton, Arr.	7.41	8.45	9.15	9.51	10.21	10.51	1.05	1.35	1.55	2.25	3.35
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Canton, Dep.	8.10	9.10	9.40	10.10	10.40	11.10	11.40	12.10	12.40	1.10	1.40
Shan, Dep.	8.15	9.15	9.45	10.15	10.45	11.15	11.45	12.15	12.45	1.15	1.45
Shatin, Dep.	8.25	9.25	9.55	10.25	10.55	11.25	11.55	12.25	12.55	1.25	1.55
Tai Po, Dep.	8.35	9.35	10.05	10.35	11.05	11.35	12.05	12.35	13.05	1.35	2.05
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OVER-POPULATION IN EGYPT.

NILE INSUFFICIENT FOR GROWING NEEDS.

BIG RECLAMATION PROJECTS.

Egypt owes its very existence to the Nile, that extraordinary ribbon of water which flows for three thousand miles through the arid deserts of north-east Africa and decorates them with a thin cordon of vegetation to which the Delta of Lower Egypt is appended like a triangular jewel. The volume of water at present obtained from the river no longer suffices for the growing needs of a population which has increased from 8,800,000 in 1882 to 14,000,000 in 1927, and is growing at the rate of more than ten per cent. every decade.

It must be remembered that the area of habitable territory is limited to the Delta and the narrow strip on either side of the Nile itself, and this territory is easily the most densely populated of any country in the world with about 1,800 inhabitants to the square mile. In another ten years it will probably be 2,000 to the square mile. There are, however, about 4,000,000 acres of land awaiting reclamation, which would relieve the pressure of population, and one-fifth of the existing cultivated area is still awaiting the introduction of perennial irrigation works permitting the fullest exploitation of its resources, but neither of these developments can be commenced until more water is obtained, experts estimating requirements at 14,000 million cubic metres more than the present supply.

The Claims of the Sudan.
Whence is this water to be obtained? Obviously only from the Nile, but the flow of the Nile in Egypt has been augmented to its utmost limit already and nothing further can be done in this direction. Only by the construction of irrigation works in the Sudan can the necessary supply be secured, and this is the problem which has been agitating Egypt for the last ten years, for the Sudan is controlled by the British, beside whom Egyptian authority in that country is but a shadow. The Egyptian nationalists are still agitating for "complete independence" as an inherent right of their nation, and they fear that the British might be able to reduce the water supply from the Sudan in order to coerce the Egyptian nation into submitting to British domination. That is the real reason for the long delay in the construction of the irrigation works in the Sudan planned as long ago as the beginning of the present century, when the long-sighted British Foreign Office concluded a treaty with Abyssinia in connection with the construction of a barrage at Lake Tana, the source of the River Atbara, which irrigates the cotton-growing district of Kassala where millions of British capital have been sunk in recent years.

Dams and Reservoirs.
As far as Egypt is concerned, however, there are three principal projects in the Sudan by which the Nile supply can be increased namely, the construction of barrage and

reservoir, at Gebel Awila, about thirty miles south of Khartoum on the White Nile, the cutting of a canal through the Sudd region of the Upper Nile, where half the flow is lost in the marshes and by evaporation, and finally the construction of a gigantic barrage at Lake Albert which would be thereby transformed into a vast natural reservoir. The Gebel Awila reservoir will produce an additional 2,500 million cubic metres of water which are to be reserved exclusively for the use of Egypt.

The Egyptian Government have also virtually decided upon a further heightening of the Aswan Dam by which a similar additional

volume will be ensured, but the remaining 9,000 million cubic metres can only be obtained by carrying out the other two projects mentioned. The present Government, deeply concerned by the pressing needs of the country, are extremely anxious to carry out the Sudan schemes, regardless of the political issue, but the nationalists question the good faith of the British regarding the guarantees offered for the exclusive reservation of the Gebel Awila for the use of Egypt. They believe that upon one pretext or another the British will take the water for the use of the Gezira cotton plantations in the fertile territory south of Khartoum between the White and Blue Nile rivers.

Such are the problems which the Egyptian nation have to consider. Further delay may mean famine within another ten years. On the other hand how will delay benefit them, for in the end the works must be carried out, and willy-nilly those works will be in the hands of the British in the Sudan.

WITCHCRAFT TRIAL IN AMERICA.

150,000 PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE IN MAGIC.

MURDER FOR HAIR.

New York, December 9th.—Astonishing revelations of the prevalence of so-called witchcraft and "pow-wow" necromancy rites among the 150,000 residents of York County, Pennsylvania, and the neighbourhood have been made in consequence of the investigation of the recent murder of Nelson Rehmeyer, aged fifty-nine, famous locally as a practitioner of black magic. John H. Blymyer, aged thirty-two, a rival worker in witchcraft, and his two young sons have been arrested and accused of the murder. One of the prisoners, it is alleged, confessed that he killed Rehmeyer in an effort to obtain hair from his head for burial behind a chicken-house in order to "cure an evil spell" which Rehmeyer was accused of casting over Blymyer and the family of M. J. Hess, thus causing household discord.

Lonely Farmhouse.
The murder occurred on the night of November 27th, at Rehmeyer's lonely farmhouse in a suburb of the city of York, following a terrible struggle in which Rehmeyer resisted efforts to cut his hair.

Blymyer, who is awaiting trial, is quoted as saying, "I did not expect to kill Rehmeyer, but now I no longer feel bewitched. I can now eat and sleep."

Mr. Lu Zech, the coroner who investigated the murder, declares that three-fourths of the population of York County believe in witchcraft and practise "pow-wow" rites. He asserts that five infant deaths during the past two years are traceable to black magic. York County's early settlers were Germans, and their present-day descendants still remain under the spell of medieval German necromancy. One of their sacred words is "hex," said to be corrupt German for witch.

"Pow-wow" doctors abound in the neighbourhood, having thousands of patients, who have unbounded trust in their charms. "Pow-wow" is a North American Indian word, apparently adapted because of its mysterious sound.

Investigators who have been making inquiries during the past week found a general belief that a witch of bacon drives away warts, that a key hung down the back stops bleeding at the nose, that linen taken from a body reduces swellings, and that pulling a child backwards through a bramble bush cures whooping cough.

There are scores of other such "cures," which must be accompanied by the pronunciation of mystic words or the display of secret signs for efficacy. The "witch doctors" use as witchcraft guides "The Sixth and Seventh Books of the Magical Spirit Art of Moses" (sometimes called "The Black Art Bible"), and the "Himmelsbrief," or "Heaven's Letter."

Special Rank.
Few of these volumes are in circulation, and possession of them therefore gives special rank in Pennsylvania witchcraft circles. Blymyer denies the accusation that black magic secrets have been passed to him through generations of ancestors. He declares that he was taught "pow-wow" by Mrs. Emma Knopp, of Marietta, near York, aged seventy, a wrinkled, witch-like dame who looks a hundred, and has but one remaining tooth—a long, sharp-pointed fang. America is greatly stirred by the revelations. Efforts are being made by Pennsylvania civic bodies to devise means of stamping out the sorcerers, but prosecutions are seldom successful. Almost any jury summoned to hear cases in York County contains believers in witchcraft who make "guilty" verdicts more difficult.

The city of York, the capital of York County, is a modern municipality with handsome buildings, and is a wealthy centre of a fertile agricultural region, yet witch "pow-wow" doctors ply their trade in the city equally with the country districts, where almost every farmhouse is said to be tainted with belief in witchcraft.

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The Week's Coming Events.
To-day.
(January 5th.)
Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club
Boxing Tournament, Theatre Royal.
New Territories Agricultural Show, Sheung Shui, 3 p.m.
Cricket:—First Division: Craigengower v. R.A., University v. Kowloon, Civil Service v. Chinese R.C., I.R.C. v. Hong Kong (F).
Second Division: Civil Service v. R.A.S.C., Hong Kong v. H.K. Electric, I.R.C. v. University (F), Navy v. Recreation (F).
Football:—First Division: Chinese v. Kowloon, Police v. Royal Artillery, Queen's v. Navy, Small Units v. Recreation, South China v. Club. Second Division: Queen's v. E.O.S.B., St. Joseph's v. Recreation, South China v. "B", South China v. "A", Royal Artillery v. Small Units, Navy v. R.A.F., Eastern v. Kowloon, University v. Chinese.
Queen's Theatre: "Monkey."
World Theatre: "Ben Hur."
Star Theatre: "Topsy and Eva."
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.
Dinner Dances: Lane, Crawford's, Restaurant and St. Francis Hotel, and King Edward Hotel, 8 p.m.
European Mail:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Mantua), 10.30 a.m.; Europe via Siberia (Morea), 5.30 a.m.
Sunday.
(January 6th.)
Epiphany.
Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club Navy Day.
New Territories Agricultural Show, Sheung Shui, 3 p.m.
Fanning Hunt: Paper Hunt, January Cup, Meet at Lok Ma Chau, 10.30 a.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Circus Rookies."
World Theatre: 5.10 and 6.15, "Topsy and Eva"; 7.30 and 7.15, Chinese picture "4 Emancipators."
Star Theatre: "On Your Toes."

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Money and Markets

HONG KONG MARKET REPORTS.

Quotations done in yesterday's market for rice, sugar and other foodstuffs were as follows:—

Rice.	Per Picul.
Luk Ma Fai	\$7.36
Red Double Peach	7.12
Red Peach White	6.82
Red Seal White Brewer	6.01
Red Sam Door	6.84
Hung Sau White Siam	7.14
Red Seal White Siam	5.36
Red Seal White Broken	5.60
No. 3 White Broken	5.58
Siam White Brand	5.33
Green Peacock	5.47
White Brewer	6.44
No. 1 White Broken	5.88
Sugar.	Per Picul.
No. 18 coarse powdered	\$7.08
No. 24 coarse powdered	7.58
Manila Green	6.08
Manila Red	5.76
Java Red	6.25

Miscellaneous.	Per Picul.
Wood Oil	\$30.70
Green Tea	17.80
Yellow Beans	6.80
Black Beans	6.00
Red Melon Seeds	45.00

HONG KONG TRADE IN COPPER.

Copper wire, rods and plates are imported into the Colony from Japan, Britain, Belgium and Germany in large quantities and transhipped into South China. Japanese supplies are generally quoted at lower prices than European goods, but the quality of the latter is admittedly superior and the difference is so great that it is difficult to find buyers for the Japanese copper, and indeed has made the Japanese trade much smaller than before. At present practically no business is done with Japan in this line.

Interviewed by a *Daily Press* representative a copper merchant, said that the past year had been a satisfactory one for local copper merchants. This class of trade is now in the hands of Chinese merchants and it has shown an improvement during 1928. Fair profits have been made, some merchants attributing this to the fact that prices have shown a decided increase during the year. The stocks of copper—plates, wire and rods—now in the Colony are more than sufficient to meet the local demand. According to the *Canton Gazette*, copper is still in considerable demand in Canton. Japanese copper are not accepted for the interior and the European supplies are not arriving fast enough to meet the demand. Prices in Canton have increased from 68 to 74 dollars a picul and are expected to advance further unless fresh supplies are soon received from the Colony.

CANTON COTTON YARN MARKET.

SCARCITY OF STOCKS.

Business in cotton yarn on the 3rd instant in Canton was very quiet and no large transactions were made, but owing to scarcity of stocks, the quotations for No. 32 yarns went up 3¢ or 4¢ dollars a bale, while the others were firm.

Quotations at Thursday's market were as follows:—

	Per Bale.
No. 42 Five Sins	\$562
Fui Hee	590
Butterfly	528
No. 32 Pine Deer	478
Tin Koon	484
Double Horse	448
No. 20 City of Gold	326
Globe	320
Good Harvest	316
Double Horse	311
Tin Koon	319
Double Elephant	319
Tram Car	310
Man-Clock	313
Shepherd	308
Three Star	312
Fui Kwai	317
No. 18 Globe	298
Fui Kwai	298
No. 12 City of Gold	297
Peacock	276
Aeroplane	265
Pretty Damsel	254
No. 10 Lotus Bee	254
Sailing Vessel	263
Peacock	264
City of Gold	260
No. 6 Lion	210
Hut How	207

CANTON STOCK EXCHANGE. LATEST QUOTATIONS.

	CANTON, January 3rd.
Water Works	\$3.80
Electric Power Co.	5.05
Canton-Hankow Railway	0.50
The Sun Co.	6.70
Sincere Co.	9.60
Nanyang Bros. Tobacco Co.	4.40
Canton Tramways	2.00
China Merchants S.S. Nav. Co.	8.80
Central Bank	4.80

HONG KONG MARKET REPORTS.

Quotations done in Canton market on the 3rd inst. in rice, sugar, flour and oil were as follows:—

Rice.	Per Picul.
Green Seal	\$10.70
Blue Anchor White	10.73
Black Dragon	10.73
Red Seal White	10.78
Green Seal Blue	9.50
Three Marks	9.33
Green Peach	9.70
Green O Tau	9.63
Green Lion Old	9.80
Red Lion	9.56
Red Lion Old	9.63
Red Lion Old	10.80
See Mei	11.14
Red Pearl Brewer	6.54
Green Pearl Brewer	6.82
Green Seal Old Brewer	6.56
Green A Brewer	6.60

Sugar.	Per Picul.
No. 2 coarse powdered	\$8.10
No. 3 coarse powdered	7.60
No. 30 coarse powdered	7.80
No. 1 Granulated	8.80
No. 1 Fine Granulated	10.50
Wai Chow White	8.80

Flour.	Per Bag.
Man-of-War	\$4.00
Banana	4.18
Silver Seal	4.10
Cheung Luk	4.15
Maize	4.26
Sword of Kwantai	4.20
Cannon	4.80
Cabbage	4.40
Dalton	4.30
Dog's Head	4.50

Oil.	Per Picul.
Groundnut	\$23.80
Honan Best Quality	23.00
Tientsin Best Quality	23.00
Dairen Best Quality	27.00
Chifu Best Quality	24.60
Fang Chi	25.30
Kwangsi Wood	27.00

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CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	CANTON, January 3rd.
New Star	Per Case.
New Balance	7.50
New Hang Fook	7.20
New Eagle	7.10
New Sheung Hee	7.30
New Daybreak	7.20

JAPAN'S TRADE IN 1928.

OFFICIAL REVIEW.

We have received from the Japanese Consulate-General in Hong Kong the following review of Japan's foreign trade for last year:—
"Looking back upon the financial situation of Japan during 1928—which was eventful due to the advance of special funds by virtue of the Special Advance Measures, discussions on lifting the ban on gold exports, China questions and fluctuations of foreign exchange—there was every indication of bettered conditions in every field of industry, in spite of the heavy depression owing to the general decline of purchasing power and sluggish transactions in trade and commerce.
In the money-market, a remarkable easiness and the distribution of special funds all over the country was considerably mitigated due to the deflation policy taken by the Government and the Bank of Japan in co-operation, leading to an adjustment of panic-stricken banks to a great extent. It goes without saying that the depreciation of bank-rates went a long way towards the adjustment of financial conditions.
In various industries, the general situation as regards the balance between demand and supply has been nearly controlled, owing to the retrenchment measures taken in the operation factories. Consequently, the measures proved very effective in diminishing the burden of the bank-rates, decreasing cost of production, and general increase of efficiency.
The foreign trade for the first half of the year proved favourable, with further rosy prospects, but experienced an unfavourable turn and recorded ¥210,000,000 import excess by the middle of December, an increase by ¥23,000,000 in the unfavourable balance of trade, compared with the corresponding period of the preceding year.
The trade situation in the field of exports might be mainly attributed to (1) the decreased value of exported silk to America by ¥50,000,000; (2) decrease of purchasing power in the South Seas, due to the decline of prices of rubber and sugar, accompanied by the anti-Japanese boycott in these regions; (3) general business depression in India; and (4) fluctuations of foreign exchange.
In imports, the remarkably large purchases of raw cotton to replenish the scanty stock in the latter half of the year caused a great effect on the balance of trade. On the

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THE HONG KONG SHARE MARKET.

TONE MORE CHEERFUL.

MESSRS. BENJAMIN AND POTTS' REPORT.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts' weekly share report states that although transactions were of small dimensions during the period under review, the tone was a little more cheerful, there being a moderate demand for the principal stocks with some improvement in price. Hong Kong and Shanghai Banks have been in good demand and were placed at \$1,320, with buyers offering \$1,327 at the close. The price in London shows a further rise to \$145.10. Unions have ruled firmer with transactions reported up to \$370. Cansons are enquired for at \$385, and probably a little more would be paid. Hong Kong Fires have lapsed to a nominal quotation of \$750.

Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamships have buyers at \$29. Deferred Indos have advanced to \$76 buyers. Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharves have changed hands at \$152. Whampoa Docks continue in request at \$35. China Providents have stiffened and are saleable at \$54.

Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels are a shade lower and are on offer at \$9.30 after transactions at this rate. Hong Kong Lands were negotiated at \$10. Humphreys Estates were bid up to \$15.

Hong Kong Trams have eased off to \$24 at which figure shares are obtainable. Hong Kong Electric (Old) after having weakened to \$55, have recovered to a buying quotation of \$53. Star Ferries have been in good demand and the price has advanced to \$73. China Lights closed appreciably higher at \$12. Union Waterboats at \$23, also mark a rise.

Dairy Farms are much firmer with business done up to \$21.60. Telephones (Old) have further advanced to \$6.65. Green Island Cements (Combined) were taken off the market at \$10, and close with buyers at this rate. Ewos have shown renewed strength and were booked at \$13.40. Shanghai Cottons are wanted at \$15.65 and \$15.32 for the Old and New shares respectively. Hong Kong Government 8 per cent. Loan is offering at 5 per cent. premium.

RAW SILK AND ARTIFICIAL SILK.

ONE STIMULATES THE OTHER.

According to the American Silk Society, the total output of raw silk in the world during the year 1927-1928 was 102,889,000 pounds which was 4,870,000 pounds more than the output of the previous year. The Japanese were responsible for 70 per cent. of the total output, or 70,078,600 pounds. The output of artificial silk, during the first 6 months in the same year, was 155,000,000 pounds and for the last 6 months the output was expected to reach 300,000,000 pounds.

Raw Silk.	World Output	Japanese Output
1923-1924	67,800,000	38,190,000
1924-1925	85,680,000	54,064,000
1925-1926	85,680,000	54,064,000
1926-1927	97,111,000	60,193,000
1927-1928	101,181,000	70,787,000

Artificial Silk.	World Output	American Output
1923-1924	140,164,000	37,719,000
1924-1925	185,000,000	51,000,000
1925-1926	219,080,000	52,818,000
1926-1927	261,000,000	75,000,000
1927-1928	155,000,000	48,000,000

THE PRICES.	(raw silk) (artificial silk)
1923-1924	\$7.30 \$2.65
1924-1925	6.44 1.50
1925-1926	6.77 1.75
1926-1927	6.18 1.50
1927-1928	5.24 1.30

According to the above tables, the outputs of both raw silk and artificial silk have improved enormously and prices have fallen. The sight of ladies in artificial silk has stimulated the demand of wealthier sisters for the genuine article. Producers and merchants in both lines have every reason to feel contented.

whole, it is noticeable that the import of raw cotton and rice showed a decrease by ¥75,000,000 and ¥45,000,000 respectively, while the import of wool increased by ¥15,000,000 and of machinery and timber by ¥10,000,000 and ¥8,000,000 respectively.

In short, it will be safe to regard the further prospect of Japan's financial conditions as a mere extension of the "adjustment period," and a watchful attitude should be taken in regard to the lifting of the gold embargo and the China question, despite the non-existence of any pessimistic factors at home and abroad.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	JANUARY 4th, 1929.
S.K. Banks	\$1,317 buy, 1,313/30 sa.
Do.	London, 2145 nom.
Chartered Banks	\$22 buy.
Mercantile Banks A. & B.	\$24 nom.
Do.	U. 214/2 nom.
P. & O. Banks	\$24 nom.
East Asia Bank	\$25 buy.
Canton Insurance	\$35 buy.
Union Insurance	\$37 sel.
North China Ins.	\$160 buy.
Yangtze Insurance	\$30 nom.
China Underwriters	\$240 sel.
China Fire Insurance	\$250 buy.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	\$780 buy.
Longways	\$38 nom.
H.K. Steamboats	\$29 buy, 29 1/2 sel.
H.K. Tugs	\$140 sel.
Indo-China (Prof.)	\$48 buy.
Do. (Del.)	\$72 buy.
Shell Transport	\$118 nom.
Union Waterboats	\$34 buy.
Singapore	\$70 buy.
Kaiming Mining Admin.	\$70 buy.
Langkate (combined)	\$10 nom.
Do. (single)	\$14 nom.
S'hai Explorations	\$12.50 buy.
Shanghai Loans	\$1.30 buy.
Reube	\$54 buy.
Trench Mines	\$176 nota.
H.K. & W. Wharves	\$384 sel.
H.K. & W. Docks	\$384 buy.
China Providents	\$5.50 buy, 5/20 sa.
Hongkong	\$158 buy.
New Engineering	\$118.10 sel.
Shanghai Docks	\$118.10 sel.
Evo Cottons	\$118.10 sel.
Oriental Cottons	\$118.10 sel.
S'hai Cottons (old)	\$118.10 sel.
Do. (new)	\$118.10 sel.
H.K. Lands	\$5.50 nom.
Shanghai Lands	\$118.10 sel.
Humphreys Estates	\$14.80 buy.
H.K. Realities	\$34 nom.
H.K. Tramways	\$204 buy, 21 1/2 sel.
Peak Trams (old)	\$13 sel.
Do. (new)	\$320 nom.
Star Ferries	\$724 buy, 724 sa.
China Lights	\$12.50 buy, 12.50 sel.
H.K. Electric (old)	\$54 buy, 54 sel.
Do. (new)	\$54 buy.
Macao Electric	\$54 buy.
Telephones (old)	\$6.65 buy.
Do. (new)	\$6.65 buy, 7 sa.
China Buses	\$118.10 buy.
Singapore Tractors	\$118.10 buy.
Do. (old)	\$118.10 buy.
Sandakan Light	\$118.10 buy.
China Sugars	\$30 sel.
Malayan Sugars	\$30 sel.
Canton Ice	\$34 nom.
Cements (combined)	\$10 sa.
Do. (old)	\$7.50 nom.
Do. (new)	\$11 buy.
H.K. Bopes (old)	\$7.50 nom.
Do. (new)	\$7.50 sel.
United Assurance	\$7.50 nom.
Dairy Farms	\$21.60 buy, 21.60 sa.
Watsons	\$18.20 sa.
Der A Wings	\$80 sel.
Lane Crawford	\$305 nom.
Mackintosh	\$20 nom.
Sincere	\$394 buy.
Wm. Powells	\$3.05 nom.
H.K. Amusements	\$123 sel.
H.K. Constructions	\$11 nom.
H.K. Indus. G. & B.	\$82 buy.
H.K. Govt. Loans	5% prem. sel.

EXCHANGE RATES.

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Brussels	34.80
Geneva	25.19
Amsterdam	12.071
Milan	92.655
Berlin	20.385
Stockholm	18.123
Copenhagen	18.18
Oslo	18.19
Vienna	24.445
Prague	1634
Helsingfors	1952
Madrid	29.74
Lisbon	1094
Athens	375
Bucharest	807
Rio	5 29/32
Buenos Aires	472
Bombay	1/6 1/32
Shanghai	2/72
Hong Kong	2/02
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ROMAN CORN MILL.

IMPORTANT FIND IN LONDON.

RELIC OF THE FIRST CENTURY.

Another important relic of Roman London has been found in the City. It is a complete corn mill, which was discovered during the excavations now being made on the site of the new Midland Bank building in Princes-street.

Although the pedestal on which the mill should stand has not been found, all the essential parts are unharmed, and the mill could be used to-day.

It is about 2 feet 6 inches in height, and is in the form of two hollow, truncated cones joined at their narrow ends and standing vertically. A circular lid of hard stone fits into the upper cone, and it is believed that corn would have been poured on the lid and ground by rotating it by means of a shaft passed through the mill.

Mr. Lawrence Goch, the architect in charge of the building operations, told me that the mill was found about 25 feet below ground level in a layer of debris resting on the bed of blue clay.

A Form of Concrete.

"As far as I can judge," he added, "it is made of some form of concrete manufactured from volcanic lava or pumice. The materials, I should think, were probably brought from the volcanic districts of Derbyshire."

Only one other Roman corn mill is believed to have been found in this country. It is now in the British Museum, but it is not so well preserved.

The mill found in Princes-street is of the same type as those found in the bakers' shops in Pompeii. It was told by Mr. J. L. Douthwaite, the Curator of the Guildhall Museum.

"It is difficult to judge its date from the depth at which it was found, since it lay on the old bed of the Walbrook, and its weight would necessarily have caused it to sink far into the mud. It is probable, however, that it was in the first century."

The discovery was made by Mr. E. B. Birley, of the Society of British Antiquaries, who has been watching the excavations on behalf of his society and the Library Committee of the City Corporation.

Mr. Reginald McKenna, Chairman of the Midland Bank, has made a gift of the mill to the Guildhall Museum.

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WOMEN'S CLUB SENSATION.

LADY HUNTINGTON LEAVES THE LYCEUM.

A sensation has been caused in Mayfair club circles by the sudden resignation of Lady Huntington from the Lyceum Club, of which she was a resident member.

"It is true that I have resigned from the club," Lady Huntington said to a press representative. "There was a quarrel in the cardroom during a friendly game. I have decided to end my membership, but not on account of this incident."

The secretary of the club, Miss M. L. Guy, confirmed the fact of Lady Huntington's resignation.

Miss Guy, referring to the cardroom incident, said: "There was an unfortunate incident in the cardroom, but I cannot discuss it."

Members' Resentment.

The London Daily Express understands that the scene became heated, and was of such a nature as to cause great resentment among club members who were present.

Lady Huntington, whose engagement to Sir Edward Lucas was recently announced, was at one time on the stage, and appeared with considerable success in "Veronique" and "The Girl from Kaye."

Her first husband was the Hon. Seton Bercford, a brother of Lord Decies, whom she divorced in 1905.

In 1909 she married the late Sir Charles Philip Huntington, Bt., whom she divorced in 1922.

Lady Huntington is the daughter of the late Mr. Daniel John O'Sullivan, of The Grange, Killarney, Co. Kerry.

The Lyceum Club is one of the oldest women's clubs in London, having been established in 1804. The Marchioness of Aberdeen, wife of a former Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland and Governor-General of Canada, is now the president.

Among its members are many women prominent in literature, art, science, and music.

Other "Finds."

A large number of articles of lesser importance have been found on the same site. Among them is a quantity of Roman pottery, and the base of a pedestal urn of pre-Roman times. One of the earlier finds was part of a Roman quay on the bank of the Walbrook. It consisted of a number of vertical wooden stakes, some of which were in a state of excellent preservation.

The excavations have now reached a depth of 30 feet, and as they are to be carried down for another 15 feet, it is possible that further discoveries will be made.

THE WOMAN'S CORNER.

WHY ACTRESSES REMAIN YOUNG.

Actresses are usually ten years younger for their age than women in any other profession—younger even, despite their always rather hectic lives, than women of leisure.

The actress learns to walk, move and gesticulate from the first moment she takes up a stage career. She sits well, she lounges gracefully, she holds her head high, she knows the value of a single gesture. She carries her body well with the weight properly distributed. She has, in effect, poise, and poise carries her into old age almost imperceptibly.

As a rule, too, the middle-aged actress who looks so much younger than she really is has mental poise as well—incredible as this may sound. It is, however, a stage attribute also.

Gaining A Gallant Outlook On Life.

Quickness of perception, great adaptability, the habit of looking at life from many angles—all the possible angles, invented, imagined or made concrete by the playwright—these are hers. No one can remain in a profession so full of uncertainty, disappointment, heart-breaking failures, constant endeavour, without gaining a certain gallant outlook on life combined with a knowledge of the absurdity of crying over spilt milk.

Mental poise can be acquired in an easier school. Once realise its value and it can be yours with a little practice. Looking facts in the face and making the best of things is a rough and ready recipe.

A character in a recent play exclaimed: "I know that life is full of bitterness and disappointment, but I think it is gallant to be gay about it!" That is the foundation of mental poise.

Physical poise is still easier. Any middle-aged woman can correct her worst faults herself if she will live intimately with a long mirror—not only so that she may practise holding her head in such a way that she does not accentuate her double chin, walking well, sitting well, consciously, but also that she may have opportunities of catching sight of herself when she is being natural and realising just how much perfection of poise she lacks.

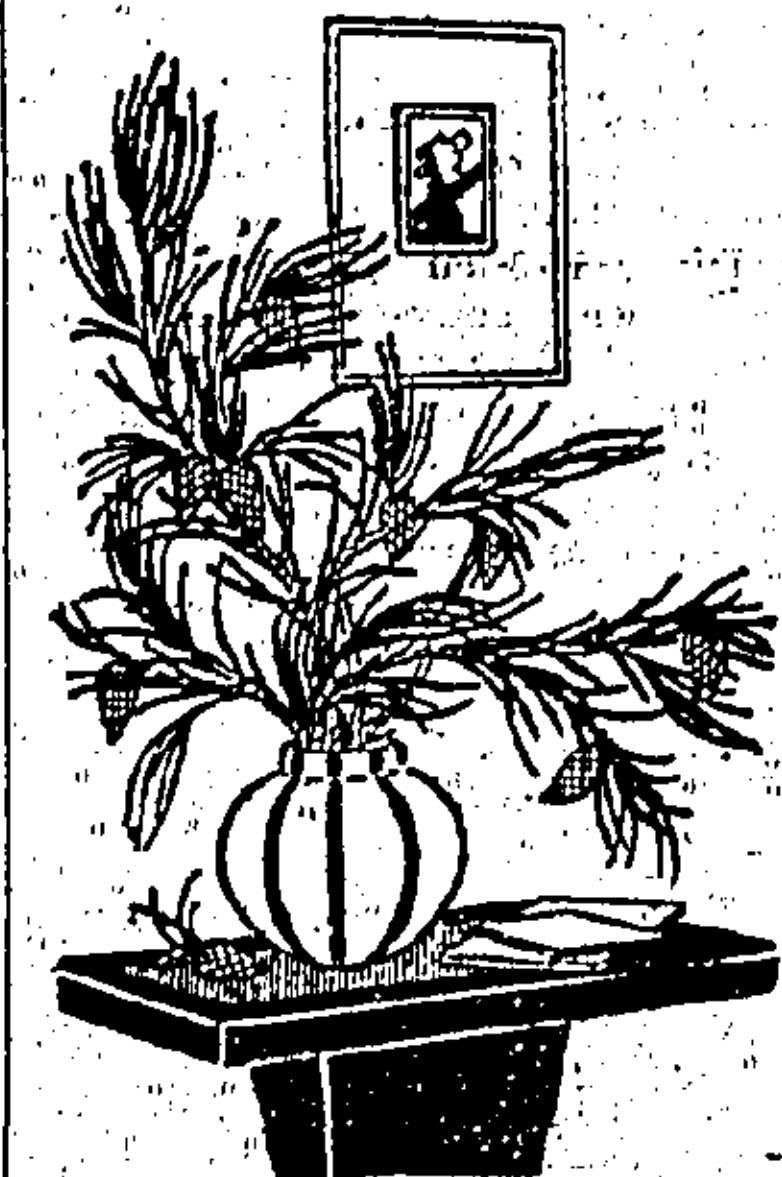
Dancing Classes For Mothers And Grandmothers.

And for the rest, let her take lessons in deportment and dancing. There is at least one teacher of (Continued on next Column).

"TOMPOTS."

Steam enough potatoes in their skins; then peel and slice them, fairly thickly. While they are getting ready melt three ounces of butter in a pan with half a chopped onion for about three minutes; then add four tablespoonfuls of tomato purée, salt and a little grey pepper. While they are still warm, put the potato slices in a fireproof dish, and pour the tomato over. Cover with breadcrumbs, shavings of butter, and, as your fancy is, also, with grated cheese. A variant on this is, doing the potatoes the same way; mix some thickened brown stock, which you have touched up with Worcester sauce, with quite a good quantity of cold minced lean of bacon or ham, which pour over the slices. Sprinkle with grated parmesan and bake.

THE DECORATIVE SCOTCH FIR.



Scotch fir makes an attractive decoration when arranged in a grey and blue striped pottery jar. The table is of oak and mahogany, and the picture, a 'lino cut,' is framed in aluminium grey.

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BLIGHTED AFFECTION OR BLACKMAIL?

CONSUL IN JAPAN SUED BY DANCER.

Mr. Camil Galdos, Peruvian Consul in Kobe, is being sued for ¥15,000 by an Austrian dancer, Miss Olimpia Elnik, as compensation for alleged breach of promise.

The plaintiff, in her suit filed with the Kobe District Court, complains that the defendant broke his promise to marry her, and intends to marry another girl, a French woman.

The plaintiff declares that the defendant first saw her while she was appearing with an Italian operatic company at Takarazuka in 1925. They came to know each other at a party at the home of a Kobe resident some time later. The defendant asked the plaintiff to marry him, to which she consented. On December 28th, 1927, defendant (plaintiff alleges) made a formal announcement of their engagement at a party given at the defendant's residence. The plaintiff states that she was introduced by the defendant himself to his friends as his fiancée on various occasions after this.

The plaintiff alleges that they were to have been married in April last, but defendant asked her to postpone the marriage until December this year. Meanwhile, defendant came to know the other woman.

The plaintiff declares that when she became engaged defendant asked her to give up her profession, which she did. The plaintiff says she is capable of earning ¥200 a week, and demands payment of ¥15,000 as compensation for the losses she has suffered both financially and mentally as the result of defendant's breach of promise.

Consul Galls Suit Blackmail.

Mr. Camil Galdos, when interviewed by the Osaka Mainichi, declared that the suit was nothing but blackmail.

"I know Miss Elnik," he said, "and on a number of occasions have taken her to dinner and dances, but beyond that there has been nothing between us. She was only a friend. This I promised to marry her is absolutely false, as I have never committed myself to that sort of thing."

Regarding the report that he is to marry another girl in the near future, Mr. Galdos neither affirmed nor denied it, saying that he could not foretell what he might do in the future.

CHILDREN AS MOTORISTS.

"Only one of my three children is at all uncomfortable when travelling by car and has to go with the dog by train," a well-known motorist expert said. "When my two other children were three and four I took them to Devon. I did not drive slowly, because shouts of remonstrance greeted me every time I tried to. I drove fast and they were delighted. Their eyes were not affected, and at the end of the journey they were healthily tired and just as healthily hungry. On the other hand the travellers by train were neither hungry nor were they sleepy. They had slept in the train."

"Provided they are not the type of children who cannot sit still, and whose chief delight is to probe into the intricate details of the car and to endeavour to drive it as soon as your back is turned, children are good passengers by car. They have less to say than grown-ups and are given to admiring your driving ecstatically, which is denied you when your wife is by your side."

Six-Year-Old's European Trip.

"A friend of mine has a little girl who travelled over Europe in a car, sleeping in it at nights, when she was only six years old. She was allowed to do the map-reading, which afforded her immense enjoyment and increased her geographical knowledge, so that she informed the class at school where she went the rivers she saw and the strange people consorted with. This goes to prove that children have retentive memories."

"During this tour her eye became strained in an amazing degree. Her health was perfect, and her interest never flagged."

"I think that a child, provided she feels well and strong, need not be prevented from going on a fairly long motor tour. If, however, he or she feels ill when travelling this way, then it is best to wait until this feeling wears off. Puppies often suffer from car sickness, but outgrow it after a time."

A long journey with no breaks is very tiring for grown-up and for child. The little ones, especially, should be able to stretch their legs and given an opportunity of walking about a little which lessens the feeling of compression that they get from sitting too long in one position.

"To much to eat is not a good thing on a journey, but a fruitarian meal can do no harm."

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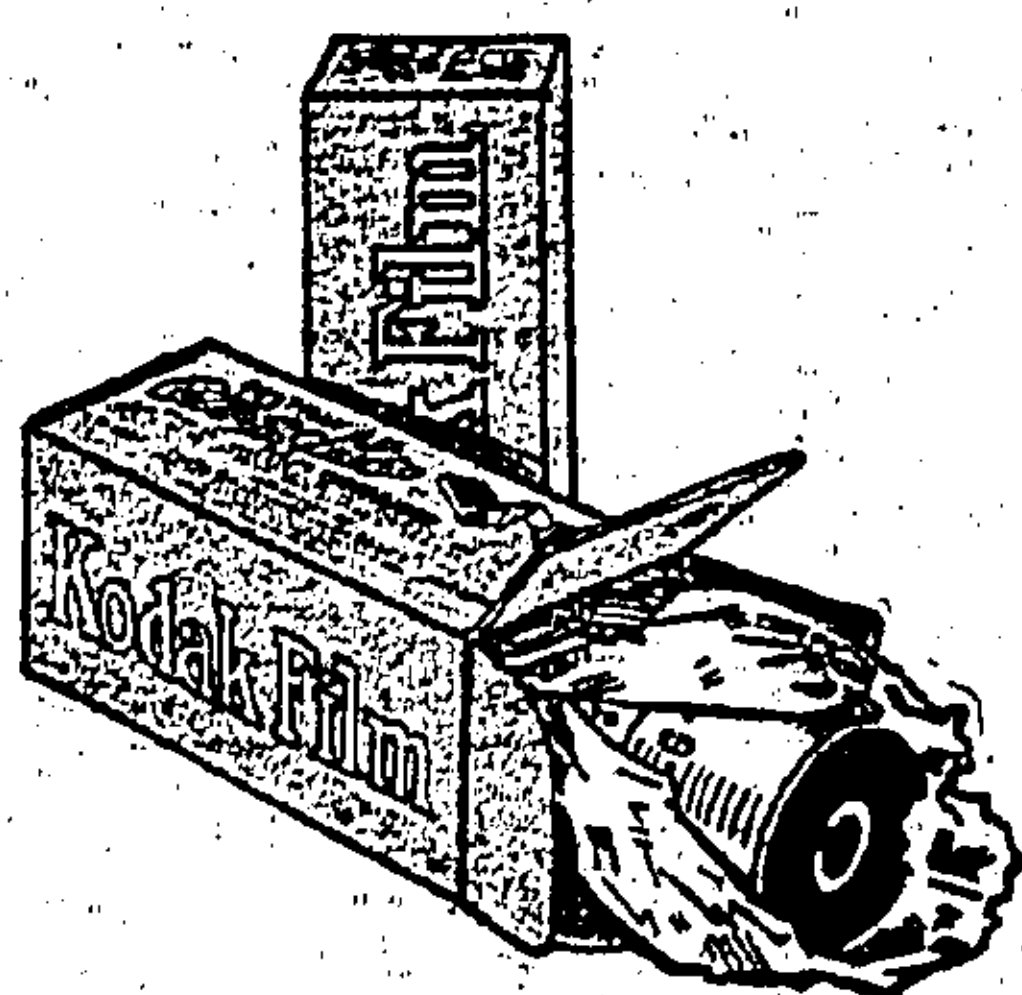
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PRaises LABOUR CONDITIONS IN MALAYA.

"I think that labour conditions in the rubber estates in Malaya are excellent," said the Hon. R. D. Denman, when interviewed by our representative yesterday on-board the s.s. Morea. "I sympathise, however, with the people in Singapore in being called upon to pay so heavily towards the dry dock for the Naval Base," he added.

The Hon. R. D. Denman, who is brother of the present Lord Dehman, formerly Governor-General in Australia, arrived here on a tour of the East. He is leaving to-day for Shanghai and hopes to go to Peking and Hankow. He said that the problems which China has to face here always interested him.

Mr. Denman added that his coming to Hong Kong and China was quite unexpected. He originally wanted to go only to the Malaya States as he was greatly interested in rubber planting. Asked as to labour conditions in Malaya, Mr. Denman said that it would be rather premature for him to venture an opinion. He had never been there before, and all that he knew was that the conditions of the native labourers engaged on rubber estates were excellent. The only difference of opinion in the Colony that he knew of was about the heavy contribution toward the dock which the people have been asked to pay. "After all, this is more of an Imperial undertaking than anything else, and it is indeed rather hard on the local people," he added.

Home Politics.

Asked as to labour conditions in England, Mr. Denman said that unemployment was still a very serious matter. There were about one and a quarter million people out of work. The speaker then spoke of the policy of the Labour party should it be returned to power at the next general election. He hoped that it would adopt a more vigorous policy in regard to Empire development, both for the sake of the places concerned and also as a means of increasing employment in England.

He was strongly of opinion that a Labour Government could do more to better conditions than any other Governments, and of course, the pity was that people were misled into thinking that the Labour party was controlled by Moscow. He added that he was glad to say that people at home were beginning to realise the benefits they would derive under a Labour Government. There was still opposition, but not to any appreciable extent.

Delighted With Hong Kong.

Mr. Denman on coming over in the Star Ferry with our representative expressed his delight with Hong Kong. The harbour, he said, was the most beautiful he had seen. He was also surprised to find trees in abundance in the Colony. He expressed great admiration for the Chinese and his sympathy for them in the hard fight they had before them before they could expect to settle down under a stable Government. He regarded the "Christian General" as the worst disturber of the peace in China.

The Hon. R. D. Denman is to stand for Parliament at the next election as a Labour candidate. His home is in Cumberland. After visiting the North of China he hopes to make another and more prolonged visit to the F.M.S.

TO-DAY'S WIRELESS PROGRAMME.

BROADCAST BY G.O.W. ON 300 METRES.

The public are notified that all wireless receiving licences issued during 1928 expired December 31st, 1928.

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1.48 p.m.—Weather Report.

5.30 p.m.—Demonstration programme.

7.48 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.

8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.—Evening programme. (Victor Records).

9.35 p.m.—Dance Music.

10 p.m.—News Bulletin and Local Announcements.

10.10 p.m.—Dance Music.

10.30 p.m.—God Save The King. Close down.

ROUND THE COURTS.

SERGEANT KERR OUT OF DANGER.

AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY.

Inspector E. P. Lane was able to give a more satisfactory account to the Court of Sergeant Kerr, the victim of the stabbing affray on board the troopship Somersetshire on October 20th, when his alleged assailant, Private James Boyle, was brought up, on remand, yesterday morning, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell. A cable, the Inspector said, had arrived, stating that Sergeant Kerr had been removed from the dangerous list and was progressing well. The local authorities have cabled to enquire when the Sergeant will be able to proceed to Hong Kong, but so far no reply has been received. A further week's formal remand was granted.

IN AMOY "FOR THE DURATION."

Mr. Lindsell was treated to an unusual story in connection with the seizure of a private car, No. 134, in the absence of the owner. Two Chinese were charged, one with the theft of a generator, and the other with the theft of a carburettor and a generator.

Mr. Lammert, the auctioneer, stated in evidence that when his clerk went to No. 1, Heard Street, on December 28th to seize the car on behalf of a client who had given orders for it to be auctioned, the car could not be started because certain essential parts of the mechanism were missing. Witness reported the matter to the police and did not know any more about it until he was informed that the missing parts had been recovered.

It transpired in Court that the two Chinese accused were employed by the owner, and they stated that they had taken the parts away with his consent. He himself said he was absent in Amoy "indefinitely."

In discharging the accused, his Worship said that it looked very much as if the accused had removed the parts before the car was seized and with the original owner's knowledge. However, they had no right to the parts which he ordered to be handed over to the auctioneer.

AT THE KOWLOON MAGISTRACY.

YOU ARE LUCKY.

At the Kowloon Magistracy Mr. E. W. Hamilton took occasion just to warn a Chinese woman to be careful what she picked up, and later when he saw the amount exclaiming "You picked up \$178 worth of opium! You are lucky."

The defendant who was charged with possession of 22 taels of prepared opium admitted the charge but stated that she had picked up the opium.

ANOTHER OPIUM CASE.

Two women and a man were charged with possession of 15 taels of raw opium. One woman took responsibility for the opium, the other two pleading "not guilty." Mr. Hamilton was not, however, swayed by this apparently noble self sacrifice and said it was obvious that the aged woman was taking the blame on the assumption that she would not get dealt with. She was fined \$450 or three months' imprisonment, the other two being discharged.

ARMY OFFICERS FINED FOR MOTOR OFFENCES.

Lieut. R. F. Wright, R.A., appeared on a summons for driving motor-car No. 2204 in Nathan Road on the afternoon of December 18th, without a driver's licence and without a car licence. The defendant pleaded guilty on both counts. The Magistrate enquired whether there were any extenuating circumstances, or any story of Singapore, but the defendant replied that there were none.

The Magistrate remarked that several officers who had been in Singapore had cars which did not need licensing, and imposed a fine of \$5 on each summons.

MR. R. H. CHARLES FINED.

Mr. R. H. Charles also appeared on similar charges, and pleading guilty, said that he had no excuse. He was also fined \$5 on each count.

Lieut. J. G. Shillington, R.O.S.B., was summoned for driving an unlicensed car. The defendant pleaded guilty and was fined \$5.

USED A KOWLOON DOCK CAR WITHOUT PERMISSION.

Two Chinese brothers were summoned for using a motor-car belonging to the Kowloon Docks without the permission of the owners. The first defendant, who held a licence, said that he was teaching his brother to drive. Mr. E. Cock, of the Kowloon Dockyard, informed (Continued on next column).

FORGED NOTES AND RIFLE AMMUNITION.

DISCOVERY AT A BOARDING HOUSE.

SIKH COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Called as a witness at the Central Magistracy before Major C. Willson yesterday afternoon, a Chinese money-changer stated that 86 notes of \$10 denomination, purporting to be notes of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, which he examined in Court were all forgeries and had ones.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the defence of a Sikh named Kham Singh who was charged with possession of the notes in question and also two rounds of revolver ammunition.

Detective Inspector Lane stated in evidence that he visited the Ta Law Tin boarding house in Des Voeux Road Central on December 18th and found the defendant, whom he recognised as a man he had known for some time, alone in room No. 518. On asking the defendant what he was doing there, he replied that he was waiting for a friend, at the same time pointing towards the adjoining room which witness knew was occupied by a Chinese woman. Further when defendant was asked whether the friend was the woman, he said he was waiting for a man.

Witness searched the defendant and found nothing. Searching the room witness lifted the mattress of the bed and discovered the 86 notes in eleven packets overlapping each other. On top of the notes were two cartridges wrapped in a piece of Chinese newspaper. When questioned, defendant denied knowledge of the notes or the ammunition.

Rising to cross-examine, Mr. Russ told his Worship that he had some questions to ask as the Chief Justice has intimated that that should be done as far as possible with a view to disclosing the defence.

A Police Informer.

In answer to Mr. Russ, Inspector Lane said that he had known the defendant for two years, as a police informer since August last year. The defendant had in August last told the police that some person had asked him to find a purchaser for ammunition. He was then asked by the police to obtain more information.

Inspector Lane further said that he could not agree with Mr. Russ that the notes were rejected forgeries. The informer in the case of the forged notes discovery appeared to be a respectable business man and had told the police that the defendant approached him in connection with the notes.

After corroborating evidence given by Sub-Inspector Elston, who was in the company of Inspector Lane at the time of the visit to the boarding house, the defendant was committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions.

the Magistrate said the first defendant had been instructed not to allow any Chinese in the car except when on duty or accompanied by a European. The first defendant was fined \$10 and the second defendant \$5.

DISTURBING THE PEACE.

The crews of two junks were before Mr. E. W. Hamilton on a charge of disturbing the peace. A little boy was included amongst the defendants.

It appears that a fight took place between ships' companies of the two junks at about 8 p.m. near the Star Ferry Wharf, Kowloon. Each man selected his opponent and they went at it hammer and tongs. Police whistles were blown and a number of Indian constables were sent to the spot.

The little boy told the Magistrate that he came ashore with a letter which one of the defendants knocked out of his hand. That started the squabble, and the others joined in.

All the defendants, with the exception of the boy, were bound over in a bond of \$50 to keep the peace. One defendant was fined \$10 or 14 days, and five others, including the boy, were fined \$5 or seven days.

PRISONER DENIES CONVICTION.

When a Chinese, who was charged with possession of lottery tickets, denied that he had ever been convicted or imprisoned before, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, remarked that he hoped for the defendant's own sake, that he was speaking the truth, and remanded the case until to-day. The defendant was arrested in Wan Chai Street with 381 no pin lottery tickets in his possession. The defendant said that they had been given to him to carry, and for that service he was to have received 30 cents.

STOLE A BUCKET.

A Chinese with three previous convictions to his discredit, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. E. W. Hamilton for stealing a bucket from a matched in Po Kwong Road, Kowloon City.

COLONY'S WATER SUPPLY.

203 MILLION GALLONS USED LAST MONTH.

STILL 4 MONTHS' SUPPLY?

The return for December issued by the Water Authority shows that the total supply on the Island was 998.33 million gallons compared with 1,448 million gallons at the same date in 1927.

At the end of November the total storage was 1,201 million gallons.

The reduction in storage last month was therefore 203.3 million gallons but the "expenditure" is returned at 193.41 compared with 188 million gallons in November, before the house supply to the rider main districts was cut off. The "expenditure" is, we presume, the amount that was passed out of the reservoirs and the 7 million gallons difference was lost by evaporation, etc. At the present rate of reduction there is therefore a 4 months' supply, allowing that the reservoirs could be drained.

The P.W.D. figures are as follow:

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS.

Tytam: 12' 8" below overflow in 1928; 15' 8" below overflow this year.

Tytam Byewash: 98' 6" below overflow in 1928; 24' 6" below overflow this year.

Tytam Intermediate: Level with overflow in 1928; 2' 2" below overflow this year.

Tytam Tuk: 52' 6" below overflow in 1928; 47' 0" below overflow this year.

Wong Nei Chung: 15' 4" below overflow in 1928; 24' 4" below overflow this year.

Fokulam: 19' 3" below overflow in 1928; 23' 2" below overflow this year.

Storage in Millions and Decimals of Gallons.

1928. 1927.

Tytam 285.76 266.14

Tytam Byewash 33 50

Tytam Intermediate 195.99 183.90

Tytam Tuk 926.89 222.00

Wong Nei Chung 13.49 7.03

Fokulam 25.82 18.60

Total 1,448.25 998.53

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.

1927. 1928.

Consumption 271.58 186.41

Estimated population 417,490 428,250

Consumption per head per day 20.9 14.8

Full supply in all Rider Main Districts during December 1927 with the exception of the districts West of Eastern Street where an intermittent supply was given from December 1st to 31st, 1927.

Services to houses in the Rider Main Districts were disconnected and a supply was given by public street fountains only during December 1928.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS.

Kowloon Reservoir: 7' 4" below overflow in 1928; 9' 8" below overflow this year.

Sheklapui Reservoir: 1' 1" below overflow in 1928; 3' 0" below overflow this year.

Reception Reservoir: 2' 3" below overflow in 1928; 1' 8" below overflow this year.

Storage in Millions and Decimals of Gallons.

1928. 1929.

Kowloon Reservoir 280.42 260.74

Sheklapui Reservoir 93.37 104.10

Reception Reservoir 27.24 28.75

Total 401.03 393.59

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.

1927. 1928.

Consumption 88.66 109.70

Estimated population 183,180 186,220

Consumption per head per day 17.5 21.0

Full supply in all districts during December 1927 and 1928.

The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

Total rainfall to December 31st was 71.16 inches compared with 107.57 in 1927.

£350 AIRPLANES.

GERMAN BID FOR BRITISH MARKETS.

London, Dec. 10th.—A light airplane costing only £350 will be put on the market this week. The British rights of the Klemm two-seater, a German machine, have been bought by a London firm of distributors, and an attempt will be made to capture the increasing market of private owners.

It is proposed later to manufacture the machine in this country. The German model is fitted with a 90 horse-power engine. The most popular British light airplanes cost £650.



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POPPY DAY COLLECTION.
 £1,500 SENT HOME FOR EARL HAIG'S FUND.

The Secretary of the Poppy Day Sub-Committee of the British Legion (Mr. J. K. Shaw) writes to inform us that the sum of £1,500 has been forwarded to the Central Fund in London of Earl Haig's Fund for Ex-Servicemen and their Dependents, as the result of the appeal which was made through the sale of Poppies etc., on November 11th last.

In addition, Demand Drafts for £80., £47., and £210., contributions from residents in Yastow, Wuchow and Hoihow, are also being sent home. He adds, "still a few promised amounts outstanding, which are expected to be received shortly and I am directed to advise you that a full statement will be forwarded for publication in the near future."

HEALTH BULLETIN OF EASTERN PORTS.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ending December 29th, 1928, states:

Plague.
 Baghdad: 2 cases, 2 deaths. Five infected rats found in Bombay zone 3.

Cholera.
 Negapatnam: 3 deaths. Tuticorin: 39 cases, 18 deaths. Bangkok: 8 cases, 1 death. Saigon: 3 cases, 1 death.

Small-pox.
 Basrah: 3 cases, 2 deaths. Bombay: 3 cases, 1 death. Negapatnam: 4 cases. Pondicherry: 2 deaths. Samarinda: 3 cases.

Saigon: 9 cases. Shanghai: 12 deaths. Baghdad: 8 cases, 1 death.

MRS. DYNE'S GIFTS.

SHARES RETURNED TO THE TRUSTEE.

Mr. Justice Astbury, sitting as bankruptcy judge in the Chancery Division, had before him a motion launched by the trustee in the bankruptcy of Mrs. Annie Marjorie Bradley-Dyne against Mrs. Matilda Watson and Mr. W. Hughson, the sister and brother of Mrs. Bradley-Dyne.

Mr. Clayton, K.C., for the trustee, asked for a declaration that the gifts of shares in Wicklow, Ltd., to Mrs. Watson and Hughson were void, and formed part of the property of Mrs. Dyne. He was instructed, he said, that Mrs. Watson and Mr. Hughson had consented to the shares being transferred to the trustee, and that the transfers had been executed. He asked, in these circumstances, that the judge would make no order on the motion except that the trustee's costs should be paid out of Mrs. Bradley-Dyne's estate.

Mr. Justice Astbury congratulated the parties on having found a way out of this difficult and complicated case and made the order.

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.**SURVEY WORK TO START AT ONCE.****ROUTE TO BE BUILT IN FOUR YEARS.**

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

CANTON, January 4th.
Mr. Chuck Hong Shing, head of the Highways Department, has returned to Canton from Nanking where has been in conference with Mr. Sun Fo, Minister of Communication of the Nationalist Government. Mr. Chuck went to the capital last month in response to a summons from Mr. Sun Fo to talk over the proposed completion of the Canton-Hankow Railway. It will be remembered that Mr. Chuck was appointed chief surveyor of the proposed route from Shaukwan in Northern Kwangtung to Hankow.

In conversation with local pressmen Mr. Chuck said that the Canton-Hankow Railway is far the most important line of communication through China. Its early completion is of the utmost importance. At present Mr. Sun Fo is contemplating an issue of bonds to raise the necessary money for its completion which is put at \$35,000,000.

As to the surveying of the route, Hunan authorities will start from Changsha southward while Kwangtung will start surveying from Shaukwan northward.

Asked as to how long it will take to complete the permanent way, Mr. Chuck said about four years. He thinks that Kwangtung will have to raise 4 or 5 million dollars towards the total cost. This money will be paid back in the course of ten years.

Continuing, he said that the Nationalist Government has already sent to Kwangtung \$10,000 towards the survey and work will start about the 20th of this month. There will be several corps of surveyors, consisting of 50 persons each and the survey of the whole route will be completed in about six months.

CANTON'S FIRES IN 1928.**COST 2½ MILLION DOLLARS.****1,249 SHOPS BURNT OUT.**

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

CANTON, January 4th.
According to a report just published by the Canton Fire Department, 1,249 stores and buildings were burned down during the past year, the total loss being approximately \$2,500,000. There were altogether 132 fires during the year and 27 lives were lost.

The monthly list of fires is as follows:—

Month.	No. of Fires.	No. of Shops and Buildings Destroyed.	No. of Lives Lost.
January	9	55	0
February	18	135	2
March	6	81	1
April	10	61	1
May	5	49	14
June	5	5	0
July	8	23	0
August	6	16	4
September	13	270	2
October	28	262	0
November	6	9	2
December	20	293	1
Total	132	1,249	27

POST FOR MR. CHAN HING WEN.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

CANTON, January 4th.
Mr. Chan Hing Wen, who recently successfully completed his long distance flight in the seaplane Kwangchow, has been appointed Commander of the Boatswain's Brigade, the present commander having resigned. Mr. Chan is the Commander of the Chang Chow Forts and knows a great deal about coast defence. His old position will be filled by Mr. George Bow.

SHAUKIWAN BOAT YARDS AFIRE.**LAST NIGHT'S BIG BLAZE.****MANY HOUSES BURNT DOWN.****SMART WORK BY R.A. MEN.**

A fire of a size seldom seen in the Colony broke out last night at Shauiwan shortly after 8 o'clock close to the Fung Keung Rubber Factory, where a fatal explosion recently occurred. The blaze could be seen even from the Western District, and many ladies and gentlemen journeyed down in motor-cars and on cycles to see the conflagration.

The fire broke out in a small boat building yard on the waterfront in Gee Ma Dei, Shauiwan, which is situated about 300 yards before the tram terminus. All along that part of the fore-shore were dilapidated boats and mat-sheds, occupied by impoverished boat people, and there were also several other yards where junks were built and repaired.

Huts Destroyed.
Fanned by a strong wind the blaze soon tore along the waterfront, going westward, and within fifteen minutes about twenty of such dwellings were razed to the ground.

The officers in charge of the Royal Artillery at Lyceum Forts at once ordered eighty men on duty. They were there keeping the crowds away before the fire appliances arrived on the scene. The Artillery men then lent a hand with the hoses and were busily employed for fully an hour.

Fire Floats.
Fire-floats also came racing to the scene and did very good work, attacking the fire from sea-ward, while the engines were playing their hoses at the rear.

The conflagration kept spreading, however, and was finally checked after it had burnt down over fifty houses. It was impossible to keep it under control owing to the amount of timber kept in the boat yards. All the buildings in that locality were an easy prey to the flames owing to the fact that they were no more than matsheds or wooden structures.

Fire Isolated.
The fire float particularly did a splendid piece of work when the fire was finally cut off by concerted playing the hydrants on another ship yard.

At 10.30 p.m. the fire was brought under control, and the last of the ship yards saved. The area burnt down was about a quarter mile square. It was one big tract of glowing debris when our representative left the scene.

Great credit is due to the fire brigade, the floats and the R.A. men. They worked hard and incessantly and they were at length able to bring the fire under control before more damage was done.

Neighbouring Houses.
At one time the block of concrete buildings immediately in the rear of the burning mass appeared to be doomed. Inmates of those houses were vacating with whatever they could take with them, but after another twenty minutes of hard fighting against the sweeping flame, they were told that their houses had been saved.

One of the most noticeable features of last night's blaze was the smart and prompt turn out of the ambulances and St. John's Ambulance Brigade. They were in the thick of it, rendering assistance wherever wanted. The firemen, under the supervision of Mr. Brooks, did splendid work in saving property and lives.

Homeless Wanderers.
There were pitiable scenes when the aged dwellers sat crying by the roadside, telling the passers-by that all that they had in the world had been eaten up by the flames. Little children, strapped to their mothers' backs, were wailing piteously out of fright, while the men risked their lives by plunging into the burning houses in a vain endeavour to save a few belongings.

Up to a late hour last night nothing could be learned as to the extent of the damage done, but it was believed by the police officers that no one had perished in the fire.

A CHIMNEY FIRE.
Just before this big outbreak of fire, the Brigade received a call from a house at Bonham Strand West. Two appliances were dispatched but on arrival it was found that only a chimney had caught fire, which was soon extinguished without any damage being done.

"ST. GEORGE FOR MERRIE ENGLAND."**BRILLIANT FUNCTION AT CITY HALL.****SUPPER ON THE BANKS OF THE THAMES.****THE TUDOR ROSE IN EFFECTIVE SCHEME OF DECORATION.****ARMS OF ENGLAND'S TOWNS.**

"St. George for Merrie England," was the legend inscribed in letters of light across the facade of the City Hall last night on the occasion of St. George's Ball, and inside the building, despite the foreign soil on which it is erected, were many memories of the land we love and honour. St. George himself, a brilliant figure in golden armour, shone above the grand stairway against his red cross, flanked on either side by huge St. George's banners. The masses of greenery which almost hid the stairway and the entrance hall, and the coats of arms of many of the towns and cities of England which were hung on the landing and in the ball rooms brought vivid memories of that "green and pleasant land" to which all English hearts must turn at Christmastide.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.), was present with Mrs. Southern, and the Chieftain of the St. Andrew's Society and the President of St. David's Society. His Excellency Major-General C. C. Luard, G.B., C.M.G., Commander R. A. S. Hill, R.N., members of the Hong Kong Government, and local residents with their ladies, helped to complete the galaxy of fair ladies and brave men which made the ball so typically English.

Supper was served in the Theatre Royal, the stage having been converted into a wood on the banks of the Thames. The official party was accommodated at a horseshoe shaped table on the stage, and the whole theatre was brilliantly illuminated by numberless red and white rose lights.

Over 700 guests were present at the ball and special arrangements were made for their convenience by the Peak Tramway and Star Ferry Companies.

THE SCHEME OF DECORATION.

St. George's Ball which is the first big social event of the year, was held yesterday instead of on the traditional Twelfth Night which falls this year on a Sunday. The ball was revived last year after a lapse of two years from 1925, and the brilliance of the function of last night makes its continuance as an annual affair quite certain.

The scheme of decoration was undertaken by a committee of five gentlemen who were faced by no easy task. After the truly magnificent effect achieved in honour of St. Andrew's Day, the decoration committee of St. George's Society might well wonder how they were to uphold the honour of England. They have succeeded admirably for the City Hall last night was not only very lovely but it was distinctively English. The red and white of the St. George's standard, and the roses, which in emblem and in silk and paper imitation, contributed largely to the scheme of decoration, together with the coats of arms of English cities and towns, and the portraits of St. George, made an effect which will not easily be forgotten.

St. George.

Special thought had been given to the lighting which was most effectively arranged, red and white lamp shades being prepared to the whole building. The painting of St. George, the work of Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., the President of St. George's Society, which stood at the head of the grand staircase, was brilliantly illuminated by concealed spotlights, and the whole scheme of decoration of the entrance hall and stairway was arranged to lead up to and concentrate the attention upon St. George in his golden armour.

A Pergola Of Wisteria.

One of the most charming and original features was the pergola hung with wisteria which led from the landing of the staircase to the Theatre Stage. Special floor boards were laid to obviate the necessity of walking up or down steps and these had been painted moss green. Small concealed lights among the greenery served for illumination, and it did not require great imagination as one passed through the pergola and into the theatre to believe that the passage had been through some Thames side garden.

The Theatre.

The stage itself had been transformed with the aid of scenery and growing plants into a woodland glade beside the banks of the Thames. The red and white scheme of lights and bunting was again made use of, and a bank of roses was massed in front of the stage.

The Ball Rooms.

In St. George's and St. Andrew's Halls, red and white bunting and coats of arms of English towns draped with flags had been used to very clever effect.

In St. Andrew's Hall, a picture of His Majesty the King was draped with Union Jacks, and in St. George's Hall the picture of Queen Victoria was draped with flags of St. George. Huge red and white lamps of original design were suspended from the ceilings.

pleasure of knowing that Englishmen are celebrating all the world over at the same time, we do know that it is essentially an English day.

During our none too frequent visits to the old country we who have made our homes abroad realise, especially during our coming and going across the sea, realise better what the name of England stands for than those who never leave her shores.

St. George's flag, the red cross on the white field—embodied in the white ensign flown by all ships of the British Navy—is better known and more highly respected all over the world than any other flag.

We, who live overseas are the better able to understand the opening lines of those verses of Rudyard Kipling, "The Flag of England":

Winds of the World give answer, whispering to and fro
What do they know of England, whom only England know.

I must not detain you any longer but before sitting down I wish to thank our excellent and hardworking Hon. Secretaries and the members of the various Sub-Committees whose hard work and loyal co-operation have enabled me to welcome you here to-night.

Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, I give you the toast: St. George and Merry England.

The Official Party.

The official supper party was accommodated at the horseshoe table on the stage of the Theatre Royal, while the rest of the guests found tables placed for them in the auditorium. Those included in the official party were:—

The President and Mrs. Southern; H.E. the Officer Administering the Government and Mrs. Bird; Vice-President and Lady Tyrwhitt; H.E. Major-General Luard, C.B., C.M.G. and Lady Pollock, Commander R. A. S. Hill and Mrs. Luard, His Hon. Sir Henry C. Gollan, Kt., C.B.E. and Mrs. Shenton; Hon. Sir Joseph H. Kemp, K.C., C.B.E. and Mrs. Greay, M.B.E.; Chieftain of St. Andrew's Society and Mrs. Wynne-Jones, President of St. David's Society and Mrs. Mackie; Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E. and Lady Chow; Hon. Sir Shou-Son-Chow and Mrs. Swann; Hon. Mr. H. T. Greay, C.B.E. and Mrs. Alabaster, M.B.E.; Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D. and Mrs. Harston; His Honour Mr. Justice Jacks and Mrs. Kotewall; Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes and Mrs. Jacks; Mr. R. Hancock and Mrs. Skinner; Colonel R. B. Skinner, C.B.E. and Mrs. Hynes; the Very Rev. Dean Swann and Mrs. Hancock; Dr. G. M. Harston and Mrs. Cook; Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., C.B.E. and Mrs. Bellamy, Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E., M.A. and Mrs. Dowbiggin; Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin and Mrs. Lindsell; Mr. E. Cook and Miss Tyrwhitt; Mr. F. A. Perry and Miss Luard; Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy and Mrs. Sommerfeld; Mr. R. E. Lindsell and Mrs. Marcel; Mr. C. P. Marcel and Mrs. Cornyn; Mr. S. T. Butlin and Miss Johnson.

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SUB-COMMITTEES.**Invitation and Reception.**

Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O. (Chairman); Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Hon. Sir H. E. Pollock, K.C., Mr. R. H. B. Hancock, Dr. G. M. Harston, Mr. V. A. Dowley, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., O.B.E., Mr. W. W. Hornell.

Decoration.

Mr. E. Cook (Chairman); Hon. Mr. H. T. Greay, Mr. W. A. Cornell, Comdr. Newill, D.S.O., Mr. G. H. M. Bannerman.

Music and Dancing.

Mr. W. A. Dowley (Chairman); Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Mr. G. Grimble, Mr. C. Bulmer Johnson.

 cloak Room.

Dr. G. Montague Harston (Chairman); Mr. R. E. Lindsell, Mr. G. G. Wood, Mr. J. Bentley.

Card Room.

Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy (Chairman); Mr. H. C. Reaker, Mr. P. S. Cassidy, Mr. E. J. Edwards.

Wines and Supper.

Mr. W. J. Eldridge (Chairman); Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. F. A. Perry, Mr. V. C. Labrum, Mr. G. E. Labrum, Mr. S. Baker, Mr. F. G. Horridge, Mr. J. P. Robinson, Mr. D. Sherman, Mr. J. Smith, Mr. W. W. Hornell.

Mr. C. P. Marcel, Hon. Treasurer; Mr. S. T. Butlin and Mr. A. Sommerfeld, Joint Hon. Secretaries.

A similar scheme of decoration was arranged in the lounge and card room, a welcome feature of the former being a huge mirror which reflected the dancers in the ball rooms and very considerably contributed to the brilliant effect. The library had been converted into a bar under the sign of "Ye Rose and Crown," and every possible arrangement was made for the convenience and comfort of the guests.

ARRIVAL OF HIS EXCELLENCY.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.), accompanied by Mrs. Southern and Capt. A. J. L. White, A.D.C., arrived at 8.30 and was welcomed by the President and members of the Committee. He was conducted by the President to the ball room between two lines of "beefeaters" and preceded by the drums and files of the Queen's Regt., the entry into the ball room being heralded by a fanfare blown on an English coaching horn, by Serg. Manley of the Queen's, who was dressed in tunting pink.

THE BALL.

Although dancing had been in progress for the last half hour the ball officially opened with the Official Lancers in which the President of St. George's Society led out Mrs. Southern and His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government was partner to Lady Pollock.

The sets were as follows:—**President's Set.**

Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O. and Mrs. Southern.
H.E. the Officer Administering the Government and Lady Pollock.
H.E. Major-General Luard, C.B., C.M.G. and Lady Tyrwhitt.
Commander R. A. S. Hill and Mrs. Luard.

Vice-President's Set.

Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton and Mrs. Alabaster, M.B.E.
Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E. and Mrs. Shenton.
Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., O.B.E. and Mrs. Greay, M.B.E.
Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E., M.A. and Mrs. Jacks.

THE SUPPER.

The Official Party were escorted into dinner by the pipe and drum band of the Queen's and the beefeaters (in full grey heards and carrying ferocious looking harberds), who took up their position behind the high table.

Half way through the excellent supper (served by the Hong Kong Hotel) a fanfare on the horn announced the "bear's" head which was carried round the stage and placed before the President.

The health of His Majesty the King was drunk on the proposition of the President.

THE PRESIDENT'S WELCOME.

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NOTICE.

OWING TO LACK OF ENTRIES, the L.R.C. TOURNAMENTS have been POSTPONED TO FEBRUARY 1st. ENTRIES CLOSING JANUARY 26th, 1929.

M. HASLAM,
Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE.

THE SANITARY BOARD wishes to draw the attention of the Public, and especially of those who have recently come to this Colony, to the possibility of acquiring Disease, e.g., Typhoid and Typhus Fever by eating of Uncooked Vegetables.

Chinese market-gardeners use manure from human sources and their custom is to pour the manure or spray it from watering-pots in liquid form over the growing plants.

Disease-producing Parasites are, therefore, likely to be present on the surface of Plants, e.g., Lettuce, over which the gardeners spray liquid.

J. WATSON,
Secretary, SANITARY BOARD.

January, 1929. [7/94]

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' ORDINANCE 1911

AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE HONG KONG FINANCE & INVESTMENT CO., LTD.

(IN LIQUIDATION).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 151 of the Companies Ordinance 1911 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of HONG KONG FINANCE AND INVESTMENT CO., LTD., will be held at No. 6, Des Voeux Road Central (4th Floor), Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 17th DAY OF JANUARY, 1929, at 12 O'CLOCK Noon, for the purpose provided for in the said Section.

Dated the 3rd day of January, 1929.

W. L. ALEXANDER,
Liquidator.

NOTICE.

WE have authorized Mr. WALTER SCHACK to sign for our Firm Per Procuration From THIS DATE.

R. JOHNSON & CO.,
Hong Kong, 1st Jan., 1929. [7/182]

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Canton, Jan. 1st, 1929. [7/18]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in conformity with the conditions endorsed upon the Debentures, the undermentioned Numbers of Debentures of the total value of £24,000 were drawn on the SIXTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1928, at the Offices of the Company, No. 22, Austin Friars, in the City of London, in the presence of WALTER TURNER, one of the Directors, ALFRED WILLIAM BERRY, Secretary of the Company, and NICOLAS ROBERT JAUREGUI, of 9, Bishopsgate, London, E.C.2, Notary Public.

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THE NEW YEAR IN MANCHURIA.

HONOURING CHINA'S UNITY.
MESSAGES FROM PLANES.

(Wah Ts Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Jan. 4th.
The Manchurian leaders and high officials held a meeting at the military headquarters at Mukden on New Year's Day for the celebration of the unification of China. General Chang Hsueh Liang conducted the ceremony with great solemnity. Several aeroplanes flew over the city and dropped pamphlets which announced to the inhabitants the meaning of the adoption of the Kuomintang flag by the Manchurian Government.

General Chang Hsueh Liang has announced the abolition of the "Public Safety Committee" and in its place the inauguration of the "Headquarters of the Frontal Defence Commissioner." General Tang Yu Lin has taken the post of Chairman of the Political Commission of Jehol.

THE DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

NANKING, Jan. 4th.
Owing to the large number of proposals, thirty-two of which concern military reorganisation and disarmament and twenty-six other relative matters, the Disarmament Conference, which is to be resumed to-morrow, will probably be in session for a fortnight.

Besides the twenty-three members appointed to the Conference, specialists will be invited to participate whenever their advice is desired.

EMPLOYMENT FOR SOLDIERS.

(Wah Ts Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Jan. 4th.
In a long telegram to Marshal Chiang Kai Shek, General Pei Chung Hsi suggests that at the beginning of the political tutelage period the Central Government should take definite steps to hasten the realisation of all construction works, as this is an admirable way to win the confidence of the people. He hopes that after the completion of the military reorganisation scheme the greater number of troops which will be assigned for national defence should be transferred to frontier positions. Meanwhile the natural resources of some provinces should be developed and various ways of communication constructed, by which ample employment could be provided for the great number of unemployed and disbanded soldiers.

BANDIT RISING.

(Wah Ts Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Jan. 4th.
A serious bandit uprising is reported to have taken place at Chengyiu in Shantung. The bandit chief, Chang Ming Chiu, has captured the city of Chengyiu in which he is imprisoning over eight thousand captives who are on the verge of death from hunger.

HANKOW SITUATION DISQUIETING.

YANG SEN WITHDRAWS.

(NAVAL WIRELESS.)

HANKOW, Jan. 3rd.
The situation in Hankow is still disquieting. General Liu Ho Ting, the local military commander, has returned to Ichang, but the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs has remained behind.

It is also reported that General Yang Sen has recalled his troops from Yunyang and Kueifu districts and also that General Liu Hsiang is preparing to enter Wanshan in a week's time.

JAPAN'S POLICY.

(Wah Ts Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Jan. 4th.
As the result of a long consultation with Mr. Tokonami, who has recently returned to Japan from Nanking, Baron Tanaka has drawn up a definite policy towards China. He will make certain concessions to China regarding the Tsinan Incident but, before being assured that her interests in Manchuria will be fully protected, he would not evacuate Shantung.

SALVATION ARMY LEADERSHIP.

MEETING OF HIGH COUNCIL.
GENERAL BOOTH'S VIEWS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Jan. 3rd.
Arrangements have practically been completed for a meeting of the High Council of the Salvation Army, consisting of the sixty-four leading members of the movement, to consider the much-vexed question of the future leadership, which centres round the right of the head to nominate his successor.

The important gathering will meet at Sunbury-on-Thames on January 8th, according to present arrangements.

Commander Eva Booth conferred with a number of delegates, including her niece, Commissioner Catherine Booth, to-day.

Some concern has been expressed at the General's condition since the bulletins were discontinued. An official stated to-day that the General's health is improving, and that bulletins have only been discontinued since the doctors definitely declared him out of danger.

Medical certificates regarding the General's health will be available to the High Council.

"I Loved The Army."

An official announcement issued from the Salvation Army headquarters in London to-day, states that the medical advisers of General Bramwell Booth, considering that the General was strong enough to be informed of the convocation of the High Council without very grave risk, gave the necessary sanction this morning.

Mrs. Bramwell Booth and their eldest daughter, Commissioner Catherine Booth, informed the General of the calling of the High Council, but went into very little detail regarding the convocation.

The General realised the grave import of the action taken as the result of his illness and remarked: "I loved the Army and have done the best for our people."

Later General Booth added: "Whatever others may think about the government of the Army, they must feel this is rather rough on me."

The official announcement concludes by saying that the tidings naturally proved a great shock to the General, who passed a somewhat restless night. His general condition, however, remains hopeful.

LOAN COMPANY FOR FARMERS.

AGRICULTURAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION.

FAVOURABLE TERMS.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

ROGNY, Jan. 3rd.
The Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, which was formed as a result of the passing of the Agricultural Credits Act last year, will begin active operations in a few days' time. The principal object of the Corporation, as defined by the Act, is the making of loans on mortgages for agricultural purposes.

The Corporation has been formed with the co-operation of most of the large banks, which have arranged to put up £250,000 of their paid-up capital. The return on capital is limited by Parliament to five per cent. per annum.

In order to secure that the loans should be made on terms most favourable to the borrowers, the Minister of Agriculture is empowered to make advances to the Corporation for the purpose of establishing a Guarantee Fund. These advances must not exceed £750,000 in the aggregate. They will be free from interest for sixty years.

Further Government assistance is provided in the shape of debentures to a maximum of £1,250,000 in debentures. For the present, however, it is proposed to advance loans out of available share capital, and to defer the issue of debentures to a later stage.

THE PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE.

TREATIES OF ARBITRATION AND CONCILIATION.

FACTS FOR AMERICAN REPUBLICS.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4th.
The arbitration and conciliation treaties drawn up under the auspices of the Pan-American Conference, which only require formal ratification, are multifarious. The former establishes the principle of compulsory arbitration in all international controversies in the American Republics to which the recognised principles of international law are applicable, the only exceptions being controversies involving domestic jurisdiction and those involving third parties. Individual nations however are allowed to make other exceptions.

The conciliation pact establishes the principle of compulsory submission of all disputes "of any kind" between the American Republics "for any reason." The conciliating organs will be the commissions established in 1923 by the Gondra treaties which hitherto were only authorised to act as organisations for finding out facts.

The fact that the arbitration treaty does not contain the usual clause, excepting disputes falling under the vague and undefined heading of disputes affecting "the national honour and constitutional provisions" of the signatory governments is considered as a great advance.

EDUCATION IN PALESTINE.

LANGUAGE PROBLEM.

STEADY IMPROVEMENT OF ORGANISATION.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

ROGNY, Jan. 3rd.
Education in Palestine was the subject of a lecture delivered before the Anglo-Palestinian Club by Mr. Humphrey Bowman, Director of Education under the Palestine Government.

Mr. Bowman said before, when the country was part of the Turkish Empire, there was no national system of education in Palestine. It was not until 1913 that the Turks made any attempt to form one, and the war stopped any development of it. The language in the schools at that time was Turkish, which was a foreign language to the children, and there was no school in which Hebrew was the medium of instruction.

In 1914, the Zionist organisation took over the control of the Jewish schools, and very soon there were forty schools in which Hebrew was the language of instruction.

British Policy.
In 1920, the new British Executive took over the former Turkish schools and left the Zionist organisation to look after the Jewish schools; thus the country now had a dual national system of education. The relationship between the Zionist educational organisation and the Government was now better than it had ever been, and the most difficult question was that of finance.

The financial situation in the Jewish schools had been extremely unsatisfactory for several years, but he believed the burden of debt was being gradually diminished.

He believes that, despite anti-pathies and set-backs, Palestine would advance and would be built up by the generation at present at school. The schools were teaching citizenship, and in the future they would find Arab and Jew working side by side for the good of the country.

KING'S QUIETER NIGHT.

SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT.

AN AUTHORITATIVE REVIEW.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Jan. 4th.
The bulletin issued at 11.30 a.m.

states that the King passed a quieter night. The local condition shows a slight improvement while the general condition remains stationary.

After the usual consultation on Thursday evening, the following bulletin was "piped" outside the gates of the Palace at eight o'clock to-night, a little earlier than usual: "The King has had a fair day. There is no change to report in His Majesty's condition."

(Signed) STANLEY HEWITT,
HUGH M. RIGBY,
DANSON OF PENN.

Will To Live.

An authoritative review of the King's illness, published in the *Lancet* and *British Medical Journal* to-day, concludes that "the King's exhaustion is as much due to weariness of mind as of body, but though there is an increasing sense of the burden of his illness, the will of the King to live is there."

"Owing to the exhaustion, the course of the illness must be long and, at present, anxious."

"None the less, improvement and progress appears to be occurring slowly, but surely enough to justify the hope that the King will be restored to his people."

Present Condition.

The review goes on to depict that the present condition of His Majesty is the aftermath of severe general infection arising from the original streptococcal septicaemia. The wound is now clean and the discharge is small, while the streptococcus is diminishing in potency. Dakin's solution has not been used for the wound because of the necessity for such local application has now passed.

As regards the general condition, while the exhaustion is pronounced the margin of reserve power must be narrow and it is inevitable that small setbacks should have a rather severe effect.

It is important that the public should not interpret such setbacks as reports of no change or relapses. During each week there will be ups and downs and progress will consist of a slow but increasing predominance of ups over downs. As regards nourishment the difficulties will be understood when it is stated that there is a disinclination for most foods and a dislike for many, and that weakness necessitates nourishment being given with a feeder. Adequacy of nutrient both as regards quantity and variety is now being secured, though not without difficulty.

Calcium Treatment.

His Majesty's blood pressure is still low and the calcium content of the blood has considerably decreased. The administration of calcium parathyroid extract and strychnine, together with the ray therapy treatment, is apparently beneficial.

Blood transfusion is at present undesirable. Moreover, the red blood count is one of the most hopeful features. The count to-day was 4,300,000, compared with 2,900,000 in the early days of the illness.

The *Lancet* adds: "Though there is increasing reason to think that the preservation of the King's life during these many weeks has not been in vain, a more definite and more settled improvement is unfortunately needed before our anxiety can be replaced by confidence."

FUELLING WHILE IN FLIGHT.

"QUESTION MARK'S" GREAT FEAT.

ATTACKING ZEPPELIN'S RECORD.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 4th.
A three-engined Fokker monoplane "1" which went aloft on January 1st was still flying at eight o'clock last night after several refuellings in the air by means of a hosepipe from an aeroplane overhead. The "Question Mark" has already demonstrated that it is possible to transfer fuel in a much speedier manner by this means than if the machine descended to the ground for renewal. It is believed that such a flight might continue for weeks.

LATER.

The "Question Mark" has already broken the world record for a refuelling flight. It had been aloft for 61 hours, 7 minutes at 8.30 yesterday evening and was still in the air this morning. The crew now hope to surpass Graf Zeppelin's record of continuous flight. 170 gallons of petrol were put on board just before midnight when the "Question Mark" was travelling at 70 miles an hour.

DUTCH FLIGHTS TO EAST INDIES.

BRITISH PERMISSION WITHDRAWN.

OVERCROWDED IRAK AERODROMES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE HAGUE, Jan. 3rd.
At the request of the British Government, it is announced that the experimental flights of Dutch aeroplanes from Holland to the Dutch East Indies have had to be suspended for the time being. Hitherto, the flights have proved most successful, the double trip having on one occasion been accomplished in eight days.

An official statement was issued by the Dutch Government to-day in explanation of the suspension of the flights to and from the Dutch Indies. It is pointed out that in order to make the journey by the most direct route, the Dutch machines are obliged to make use of certain British military aerodromes in Iraq.

The increasing number of civilian flights, requiring the use of these military aerodromes has caused too much inconvenience, and the British Government is therefore unable to continue to permit civil aircraft to use these aerodromes until the inconvenience has been obviated.

The Dutch Government is now proceeding to ascertain more definitely when the use of the aerodromes will again be possible.

THE REPARATIONS BURDEN.

CAN GERMANY PAY.

MR. PARKER GILBERT'S PROTEST.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

BERLIN, Jan. 3rd.
Germany is still discussing the general statements made by Mr. Parker Gilbert in his Reparations Report regarding the soundness of the economic position, and the further discussion goes, the more unpopular the Agent-General seems to be.

The *Vorwarts*, a Socialist organ, for instance, in an editorial comment, says that German Labour, while recognising the reparations obligations, objects to working below the level of civilised existence. This comment is symptomatic of the temper generally aroused by Mr. Parker Gilbert's report.

The organ of Dr. Stresemann's Party hopes that the Committee of Experts at the forthcoming conference when the whole question of reparations and the total amount Germany is expected to pay is to be considered, will make up for the shortcomings of Mr. Parker Gilbert's report, otherwise the conference will be a failure.

A Socialist-Democratic organ declares that Germany's payments hitherto, fully and promptly made, have only been possible as the result of foreign loans.

Hasty Criticism.
Mr. Parker Gilbert arrived in New York aboard the *Berengaria* to-day for his annual holiday. He will confer unofficially with President Coolidge.

He smilingly protested that the German criticism of his report "must be based on a hasty and incomplete reading of the text."

AMERICA'S NAVAL SECURITY.

PEACE PACT BEFORE CRUISERS.

FIFTEEN NEW SHIPS.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4th.
After a brief speech in the Senate declaring that the construction of fifteen new cruisers was vital for the safety of the United States, Mr. Hale, the Chairman of the Naval Committee, yielded place to Senator Borah, the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, in order to dispose of the Kellogg Peace Pact before dealing with the cruiser construction bill.

DUCHESS OF YORK WITH HOMELESS.

CUP OF TEA IN A MEN'S SHELTER.

EVER SO NICE.

LONDON, Dec. 8th.—The Duchess of York talked with a number of homeless unemployed men yesterday, when she visited the Church Army new emergency shelter in the Waterloo-road.

The Duchess found them chopping wood in the yard, and straightway ordered "a hundred legs and a hundred of these fine bundles of wood to be sent to my house in Piccadilly." She also inspected the boxes of groceries which were being packed for sending to miners' families, and sat down in a corner of the packing room for a cup of tea made from the tea which was being packed.

Leslie Ford, one of the homeless spoken to by the Duchess, said: "The Duchess was ever so nice," he said, "not a bit stuck up, you know. She asked me about my home and what I wanted to do. I said I thought of trying to get into the Army or Navy. But I have heard since about the training farm in Essex for emigration. I cannot say how I feel yet about the idea of going to Canada."

Three Weeks' Journey.
"I was three weeks coming to London. Mostly I slept out, wherever I happened to be. At one small town a policeman showed me how to get into the gawrks for the night, and gave me a bed." Mr. Alfred Moses Harris, jovially known as "Moses" at the shelter, an agricultural labourer, aged fifty-two, who had walked from Kidderminster, summed up his impressions of the Duchess of York.

"I must say she's a very nice little lady," he said. "I would not wish for any one better to speak to."

The Duchess of York paid a private visit to the East End last night. The occasion was the opening of the Birthday Festival of To H, with the ceremony of the lighting of the new lamps designed for the branches of the League of Women Helpers. These auxiliary bodies have now come quietly into existence, and assist the main men's movement of To H with their houses and branches.

The first part of the festival took place at Christ's Hospital Hall. Here the Duchess lit the twenty-two lamps which mark the promotion of a number of groups to their branch status.

After the lamp-lighting ceremony was completed, a procession was formed and the lamps carried to the neighbouring church of All Hallows, Barking, where a thanksgiving service was held.

MURDEROUS ATTACK IN AN OFFICE.

FLYING SQUAD SEARCH FOR TWO MEN.

LONDON, Dec. 9th.—Detectives of the Flying Squad were searching London last night for two men who are alleged to have attacked Mr. William Holmyard, aged fifty-three, an antique dealer and bookmaker, at his office in Teichbrook-street, Vauxhall Bridge-road, and taken a large sum of money. Mr. Holmyard is in Westminster Hospital in a critical condition with severe head injuries.

An errand boy, passing Mr. Holmyard's shop about five p.m. yesterday saw Mr. Holmyard lying at the door of the shop, and at once informed a policeman.

After Mr. Holmyard had been attacked he staggered out to call for help, but collapsed at the doorway. Neighbours saw two men loitering near the shop during the afternoon. It is supposed that these men seized their opportunity to creep through the shop to the office, where Mr. Holmyard sat at his desk. After battering him about the head they took all the money they could find and made their escape.

Telegrams in Brief.

The German Minister of Labour has declared that the arbitrators' award in the shipyards dispute in the North Sea and Baltic ports is obligatory, thus ending the three months' strike. The dispute was in regard to rates of wages, and 50,000 men were involved. The employees had previously rejected the arbitrators' award.

Brazil has decided to follow the lead of the Argentine with regard to the dispute between Bolivia and Paraguay and has formally indicated her refusal to participate in the negotiations for the settlement of the boundary trouble. However, Bolivia and Paraguay have signed a protocol with the Pan-American Conference for the settlement of the dispute.

President Irigoyen has received a deputation from Chaco, a bone of contention between Bolivia and Paraguay. The deputation points out that half of the territory rightly belongs to the Argentine.

An invitation has been received in London from Melbourne to send delegates to the Pacific Congress to be held at Vladivostok in August. Trade Union officials, however, are showing little enthusiasm in the matter.

M. Litvinoff has received a letter announcing the convocation of the Preparatory Disarmament Committee on April 15th.

The Afghan Legation in London has been informed from Kabul that negotiations are continuing between the Government and the rebels. The latter have proposed no terms, and a report that the King has made a number of concessions is denied. Reports of general hostility towards the Queen are also denied.

A message from Kabul says that Ali Ahmed Jan, the ex-Governor of Kabul, has patched up a peace with the Shinwaris in the Jalalabad area. The Kandahar Quetta wire has been cut and communications between India and Kabul are proceeding by wireless.

Mr. Myron Herrick, the U.S. Ambassador to Paris, who is ill at his country home, is reported to be better to-day.

It is understood that the Spanish Legation at Peking will be removed to Nanking some time in February.

The Chinese student and Christian leader, Dr. T. Z. Woo, presented to the Convention of the Student Christian Movement at Liverpool a silk banner from Christian students in China. The banner bore an inscription inviting fellow-students in Britain and all Western countries to move forward together with the young Christians of the East.

THE COCOS ISLAND TREASURE.

SEARCH IN MISSISSIPPI STATE.

BILLOXI, Miss. (U.P.)

A few months ago some one found several Peruvian coins near the Edgewater Gulf Hotel here. Learning that the coins were stamped with the date 1820, owners of property in the vicinity of where the coins were found immediately started discussing the possibility that the famous "Cocoe Island treasure" might be buried in that neighbourhood. Real estate agents who formerly had been welcome callers, were shooed away and "for sale" signs came down over night.

Soon the metallic mineral apparatus was brought into play. Naturally enough as the bearer of the "treasure locator" crossed the spot where the coins were found, the indicator pointed downward, and the conservative excitement turned to an "oil boom" enthusiasm.

Finally the "diggers" were called into the area. Picks, shovels and less antiquated implements dug, dug and then dug some more. Everything was in readiness for the care and distribution of the "treasure" which was expected to be found at a considerable depth as much of the space on which the search was being made had long since been "filled in" to make the land higher for building purposes.

The excavation work was carried on with a vim that can be acquired only by treasure hunters. "Klunk, klunk!" resounded the shovels of the weary workmen as they grated against the "treasure." At last! lamented a toil worn "digger."

Two iron gates were the reward. Reports that the gates were those of the Chinese treasury were not authentic.

The Cocos treasure, much written about, had its real or mythical birth in South America when a renegade English sailor and his crew were reported to have offered asylum to fleeing Chilean refugees and then robbed them of their worldly goods.

The valuables were reported to have been buried in one of the Central American islands and later transferred to the Mississippi coast. The search "will be continued" was the last word from the scene of the hunt.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following matches in the Hong Kong League are down for decision to-day:—

DIVISION I.

Kick-off at 4 p.m.

China Athletic v. Kowloon F.C. Hong Kong F.C. ground. Referee: Capt. A. W. Austin, M.C., M.M.

Hong Kong Police v. R.A. St. Joseph's ground. Referee: L. S. B. A. Atkinson.

Queen's Regt. v. Royal Navy, Chatham Road ground. Referee: Mr. W. E. Hollanda.

Small Units v. Club de Recreo, Sookunpoo ground. Referee: Mr. F. Smith.

DIVISION II.

Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.

St. Joseph's v. Club de Recreo, Reserves, St. Joseph's ground. Referee: A. B. Swallow.

South China "B" v. South China "A", Caroline Hill ground. Referee: E. R. A. Anderson.

R.A. Reserves v. Small Units Reserves, Sookunpoo ground. Referee: Pte. Lamb.

Royal Navy Reserves v. R.A.F. King's Park ground. Referee: Cox. Willis.

Eastern F.C. v. Kowloon F.C. Reserves, China Athletic ground. Referee: Mr. T. G. Stokes.

PLAYERS AND PROSPECTS.

A large crowd is expected to witness the game on the Hong Kong F.C. ground between China Athletic and Kowloon.

Kowloon will be without McKelvie and the Athletic should have a very comfortable win.

Caroline Hill should also receive a large crowd for in addition to the "local derby" between South China's two junior teams, the senior team will meet the Hong Kong F.C. The Club are improving every week and Goldman should want some stopping on the Caroline Hill ground.

South China by their win over the Queen's Regt. now head the league table and it will be no easy matter for the other Clubs to displace them from that position.

The Police receive the R.A. within the recreation. The Police have been doing well lately and it is not expected that they will be checked by the Gunners to-day. Leach was absent from the Army match on the 1st and will not be out to-day.

The Queen's Regt. are at home to the Navy on the United Services ground at Kowloon. By losing their game against South China last week they lost the position at the head of the League table.

They should manage to take full points against the Navy to-day, although it is doubtful whether Caldwell will be fit to turn out. The Navy team is an uncertainty.

On the Garrison ground, Small Units receive the Club de Recreo. The Small Units are without a point to-day it is not expected that they will capture one to-day as the Club de Recreo players will treat this game as a practice one for the final of the Sunday Herald Cup Competition next week.

THE JUNIORS.

In the junior division, the K.O.S.B. and Queen's Regt. game has been postponed. The Royal Navy will have a chance to head the division table for the first time this season. They should win against the R.A.F. at King's Park.

The game between the South China teams at Caroline Hill should be evenly contested. The "B" have the better league record.

St. Joseph's are now the wooden-poonists. Their game with the Club de Recreo on the College ground should give them at least a point.

R.A. and Small Units should share the points at Sookunpoo, while Eastern should win against Kowloon.

"THE BIRTH OF A FLOWER."

Imagine a man 133 miles tall, and you can picture proportionately the size of a grain of pollen as magnified in the new double lens camera that made "The Birth of a Flower," which is to be screened Monday at 6 o'clock in the Helena May Institute, by Clarke Irvine, who gives an enlightening talk along with the films, which are standard size. In addition he will show "The Romance of Travel," a unique picture replete with thrills, and strange sights to be seen around the world. In the flower film blossoms are seen moving, living and dying, with the pollen germinating—the actual creation of life—has never been seen by man. This unique programme is being booked quite heavily in advance, and those interested are advised to book early.

GOLF.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

9.21 a.m.	R. Sanger and S. M. Monroe.
9.23	L. G. S. Dodwell and D. G. Bruce.
9.32	E. K. Valentio and R. Young.
9.38	F. A. Perry and E. L. Sim.
9.40	E. Stone and L. Yates.
9.44	C. B. Johnson and F. Syme Thomson.
9.48	H. U. Ireland and E. D. Matthews.
9.52	H. Spicer and R. K. Hepburn.
9.53	E. R. Hallifax and L. R. Andrews.
10.00	O. E. C. Marton and W. D. Brown.
10.04	C. Thwaites and D. Smith.
10.08	A. I. Bowker and R. A. Campbell.
10.12	T. G. Weall and J. Gardner.
10.16	W. J. S. Key and G. B. S. Thomson.
10.20	E. D. Black and D. Ellis.
10.24	T. L. Christie and D. J. Gilmore.
10.28	A. E. Lissaman and H. H. Lammert.
10.32	H. Graves and C. L. Sanders.
10.36	D. Forbes and W. J. Clerk.
10.40	W. A. Stewart and H. G. Howard.
10.44	C. C. Stark and K. S. Robertson.
10.48	J. P. Warren and I. H. Geare.
10.52	A. D. Humphreys and E. D. Lawrence.
10.56	C. E. Holmes and M. M. Maas.
11.00	A. Piercy and A. Somerville.
11.04	T. C. Monaghan and S. T. Butlin.
11.08	F. A. Merry and N. K. Littlejohn.
11.12	E. Des Voeux and A. B. Purves.
11.16	N. Croucher and F. J. de Rome.
11.20	F. H. Swayne and W. Beveridge.
11.24	A. R. Cox and D. M. Goodall.
11.28	Majr. Beamish and V. M. Grayburn.
11.32	A. Leach and J. S. MacLaren.
11.36	E. M. Bryden and B. H. C. Hallows.
11.40	G. S. Hugh-Jones and G. Davidson.
11.44	B. J. Lacon and H. D. Browne.
11.48	W. A. Weight and E. P. Fletcher.
11.52	J. P. Sherry and C. Mycock.

MARRIED MAN'S THREE HOMES.

COURT SHOCK FOR TWO WOMEN.

INQUEST SURPRISE.

Disclosures were made at a Southwark inquest that a married man with wife and three children in Scotland lived with two women in London at the same time. The women were unaware of each other's existence.

The inquest was on William Barrie, aged forty, who died in Warner-street, Southwark. A verdict of "Death from natural causes" was returned.

Rose Emma Lewis said that she and Barrie had lived together for five years. He told her that he was a billiard marker. She recently found out that he was married.

The next witness was Jennie Cals Connell, who said that she had been living with Barrie as his wife.

The coroner: But we have had one woman who was living with him. How did he manage to live with two?

Miss Connell: I did not know that he was living with another woman.

For Seven Years. She added that she and Barrie had been together seven years.

The coroner, referring to the fact that Barrie was keeping two establishments, asked Miss Connell what she understood Barrie's work was. She said that Barrie told her he was a baker.

The coroner: Bakers work at night, so he would have to sleep in the day.

The coroner stated that he supposed that Barrie slept at Miss Connell's house during the day and at the other establishment during the night.

Miss Connell said she thought that Barrie was unmarried.

The coroner: Had you any knowledge at all, until you came here, that he had been living with another woman? No knowledge whatever. It was a shock to me.

Samuel Archer, of Camerford-road, Brockley, a leather merchant's foreman, said that Barrie up to two years ago worked in a Bermondsey limeyard. He was a married man with a wife and three children in Scotland.

THE THIRD TEST MATCH.

ENGLAND WELL PLACED.

SUTCLIFFE'S FINE SCORE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S SERVICE.]

MELBOURNE, Jan. 4th.

Heavy rain fell in Melbourne before 6 o'clock in the morning and this was followed by alternate sunshine and showers. The captains inspected the pitch at 11.45, when it was decided that play was impossible, and again at 12.30, when they disagreed. The umpires however decided that play should commence.

White was in his element on the drying pitch, and he clean bowled Oxenham with only six runs added. Oxenham had played an invaluable innings lasting 104 minutes. Blackie then joined Grimmett, but White sent him back before he had scored, the last two Australian wickets adding only 6 runs, and leaving England to make 332 runs in the fourth innings to win. White bowled one ball less than in the first innings, and had a brilliant analysis.

England's Start.

England had a few minutes of batting before lunch, and the opening batsmen managed to survive this trying period, Hobbs scoring 3 and Sutcliffe 1 before the interval.

The crowd had risen to 10,000 when the match was resumed. The ball was turning considerably, and Hobbs, when he had scored 3, gave a sharp chance to Hendry in the slip off A. Beckett. Oxenham was making the ball rear up elbow high and at 17 Hobbs was nearly caught close to the ground by Bradman at fine leg. The 50 was reached in 75 minutes, and soon afterwards Hobbs, in attempting a leg hit, struck the back of his head, but continued without delay. At the tea interval the score stood at 78 for no wicket, Hobbs being 36 and Sutcliffe 32.

Record Crowds.

25,000 had collected when the game was resumed, bringing the aggregate attendance up to 244,361, which surpasses the previous world's record of 239,175 at the second Test Match at Melbourne in 1925.

Hobbs and Sutcliffe for the eighth time put up the century in a first wicket partnership against Australia, the feat taking them 133 minutes. Of all their partnerships this mastery one in the fourth innings under very difficult circumstances will go down to history as one of the greatest. Almost immediately after three figures were reached Hobbs was out for 49, at which point Sutcliffe had scored 42.

Jardine was then sent in to join Sutcliffe, who soon reached his 50 in 122 minutes with a snick to the boundary off Blackie. The total 150 was reached after 166 minutes. After a further 21 runs had been added play closed for the day without further loss, leaving England with 161 runs to win and 9 wickets in hand.

Score:—

Australia—1st Innings.

W. M. Woodfull, c Jardine, b Tate 7
V. J. Richardson, c Duckworth, b Larwood 3
H. L. Hendry, c Jardine, b Larwood 23
A. F. Kippax, c Jardine, b Larwood 100
J. S. Ryder, c Hendren, b Tate 119
D. Bradman, b Hammond 79
E. L. A. Beckett, c Garry 3
W. L. A. Beckett, c Duckworth, b White 41
R. M. Oxenham, b Garry 15
C. V. Grimmett, c Duckworth, b Garry 5
D. D. J. Blackie, not out 2
Extras 2

Total 397

Fall of the wickets:—

1/5; 9/15; 3/57; 4/218; 5/282; 6/287; 7/373; 8/383; 9/384; 10/397.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Larwood 37 3 127 3
Tate 46 17 87 2
Garry 31.5 4 83 3
Hammond 8 4 19 1
White 37 30 64 1
Jardine 1 0 10 0

England—1st Innings.

Hobbs, c Oldfield, b 20
Sutcliffe, b Blackie 58
Hammond, c A. Beckett, b 200
A. P. F. Chapman, b 24
Hendren, c A. Beckett, b 19
D. R. Jardine, c and b 62
Larwood, c and b Blackie 0
Garry, l.b.w. b Grimmett 1
Duckworth, b Blackie 3
Tate, c Kippax, b Grimmett 21
J. C. White, not out 8
Extras 417

Total 417

Fall of the wickets:—

1/28; 2/101; 3/201; 4/238; 5/264; 6/264; 7/281; 8/285; 9/291; 10/417.

(Continued on next Column.)

ATHLETIC RECORDS.

NEW SYSTEM PROPOSED.

Paris, Dec. 31st (U.P.).—French sporting editors propose an annual alignment of athletic records as a better method than Olympic competition of judging the finest among the athletic nations of the world.

An appraisal for the first ten months of 1928 by the method suggested does not affect the United States, which retains first place, despite the fact that it does not take field performances into account. Germany which took sixth place in the Olympic games, takes second rank, and France, which ran seventh at Amsterdam, shares third place with Finland.

Before the proposal can be taken seriously, the difference in European and American methods of timing events must be taken into consideration, the former being rather backward in this respect. Conditions on European tracks and European methods of conducting athletic events also differ considerably. All the performances for which times are taken are in metres, whereas practically all American runs are in yards, and in consequence receive no consideration.

For the 100-metres, Borah shares first place with Corts of Germany, with a time of 10.25 seconds; Second Houben and Lammers, 11.1-10th; Third: Schuller, Germany, 21.1-5.

Two hundred metres—First: Koenig, Germany, 20.9-10th; Second: Houben, Germany, 21.1-10th; Third: Schuller, Germany, 21.1-5.

Four hundred metres—First: Engelhardt, Germany, 47.3-4; Second: Paul Martin, Swiss, 47.3-4; Third: Spence, Buchner, 47.4-5; Third: Ball, 48.

Eight hundred metres—First: Seraphin Martin, France, 1 min. 50.3-5 sec.; Second: Lowe, England, 1 min. 51.1-5 sec.; Third: Hahn, U.S., 1 min. 51.9-5 sec.

Fifteen hundred metres—First: Jules Ladoumègue, 3 min. 42.1-5 sec.; Second: Larva, Finland, 3 min. 55.1-5 sec.; Third: Cogser, 3 min. 55.1-5 sec.

Five hundred metres—First: Ritola, Finland, 14 min. 34.1-5 sec.; Second: Borg, 14 min. 39.3-10 sec.; Third: Nurmi, 14 min. 40 sec.

Ten thousand metres—First: Nurmi, 30 min. 13.4-5 sec.; Second: Jooey Ray, 31 min. 29.2-5 sec.; Third: Seien, 32 min. 3 sec.

100 metres hurdles—First: Weightman-Smith, South African and Dye, U.S., 14.3-5 sec.; Second: Sempé, France, 14.3-5 sec.; Third: U.S. Petterson, Sweden, Atkinson, South Africa, 14.4-5 sec.; Third: Baskin, King, Collier, all U.S., Steinhart, Germany, Szotedi, Finland, 15 sec.

400 metres hurdles—First: Petterson, Sweden, 52.4-5 sec.; Second: Taylor, U.S., 53.1-5 sec.; Third: Lord Burghley, England, Adelheim, France, 53.2-5 sec.

All of the above classifications are made by Louis Maertens, of the sporting staff of La Liberté. His calculations are upon the basis of the old method of scoring rather than that used at the recent Olympics, in which only first place was honoured.

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A. Beckett 37 7 92 1
Hendry 20 8 35 1
Grimmett 55 14 114 2
Oxenham 35 11 87 0
Blackie 44 14 94 6
Ryder 4 0 14 0

Australia—2nd Innings.

W. M. Woodfull, c Duckworth, b Tate 107
V. J. Richardson, b Larwood 5
H. L. Hendry, c Duckworth, b White 12
A. F. Kippax, b Tate 41
J. S. Ryder, b Garry 5
D. Bradman, c Duckworth, b Garry 112
E. L. A. Beckett, b White 7
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C. V. Grimmett, not out 4
D. D. J. Blackie, b White 0
Extras 13

Total 351

Fall of the wickets:—

1/71; 2/60; 3/138; 4/143; 5/201; 6/226; 7/292; 8/345; 9/351; 10/351.

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Extras 21

Total (for 1 wkt.) 171

Fall of the wickets:—

1/108.

REPORTING OF SMALL-POX.

DR. POPE MAKES A STRONG APPEAL.

CASES MAY BE TREATED AT HOME.

When a Chinese was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday for failing to report a case of small-pox in his house—the patient being his own child—the defendant said that he worked in a market and was so busy that he had no time to make the report.

The case was brought to Court by Sanitary Inspector Stevens who summoned the defendant as being the "principal tenant of the house." The defendant claimed, however, to be a lodger and the summons was amended to "nearest relative." The Sanitary Inspector said that he visited the house on December 27th and saw the defendant holding the child which was obviously suffering from small-pox. As soon as he (the witness) entered the defendant handed the child over to his mother, who was at present in hospital.

When it transpired that the principal tenant of the flat was absent from Court, the question arose as to how to prove that the defendant lived on the premises.

Sanitary Inspector Stevens pointed out that the defendant had shown him his cubicle, and had given the bed clothes to be disinfected.

Husband And Wife With Same Surname.

The Sanitary Inspector spoke to the defendant through the medium of an interpreter, who in his evidence said that the defendant gave the name of Ng Kin, and the wife that of Ng Kiu, and the wife asked how the witness could have accepted that they were husband and wife when their surnames were the same as it was not usual amongst Chinese. Remarking that he could not go on with the case, Mr. Lindsell discharged the defendant.

Appeal To Public.

In reply to the Magistrate, who asked if he had any general observations to make, Dr. G. W. Pope, the Medical Officer of Health, who was in Court said that he wished it to be made known to the public that this case was really brought to emphasize the fact that cases of small-pox must be reported, and that the worst that could happen if they were reported would be that the other inmates of the house would have to be vaccinated.

Ten years ago, the Board ruled and the Governor-in-Council agreed, that cases might be nursed at home, provided all other members of the household were vaccinated and a notice placed outside the house stating that it was inhabited by a small-pox patient.

Representatives of the Chinese press in Court were requested to give this statement the fullest publicity in the interests of the welfare of the general community.

A LUSITANIA MEMORIAL.

ON THE COAST NEAR CORK.

DUBLIN (U.P.).

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TOWN TOPICS.

AND SOMETHING OVERHEARD.

Canton and Hong Kong Business Conditions; Chinese and Small-Pox; The Street Arabs; Changing Money at Star Ferry Wharf.

[By R. E. PORTER.]

Canton Affairs.

Merchants in Canton are looking forward to a revival of trade, and are busy with plans. Trade conditions are certainly better than they were six months ago. German goods are seen everywhere, and the demand for them is brisk.

The merchants are of the opinion that now Manchuria has openly acknowledged her allegiance to the Nationalist Government, civil war will come to an end. The fact that Marshal Li Tsai Hsin has left Canton, they said, goes to show that the Nationalist Government is solidly united. There is no fear of a collapse. We all hope that it is so.

Conditions In Hong Kong.

But Chinese merchants in Hong Kong are not so optimistic. Their opinion is that Marshal Li Tsai Hsin, was the strong hand in the suppression of lawlessness and communism. Unless these elements were totally eradicated, merchants could never hope for a revival of better trade conditions.

At the present moment, Chinese merchants here are not incurring fresh obligations. This is due to the approach of Chinese New Year which makes the money market tight. Accounts have to be settled, and every business man is doing his utmost to turn stock into ready cash.

Chinese And Small-pox Epidemic.

As the small-pox epidemic is not diminishing one can only hope that the Chinese will co-operate with the medical authorities in combating this deadly disease. It is, however, a well-known fact that if there is a case of small-pox in a Chinese family, they will generally refrain from reporting it to the medical authorities. They also hide it from their friends with the result that the disease is spread.

Dr. G. W. Pope, Medical Officer of Health, brought a case against a Chinese yesterday. He explained that he was not prosecuting the person out of malice. It was only as a warning to other Chinese. He also made the announcement that some ten years ago it had been decided by the Sanitary Board and agreed to by the Government that cases of small-pox could be nursed at home provided the necessary precautions were taken.

This concession is still in force and all that has to be done is to report to the M.O.H., who will then arrange for the necessary precaution. One can only hope that the Chinese community will change their present attitude and assist the authorities as much as they can. It is very much in their own interests to do so, as the majority of cases are among the poorer Chinese.

Our Street Arabs.

It had been suggested that \$50,000 be raised to provide sleeping quarters for the Chinese street sleepers. This matter has already been discussed in this column, and some of the objections and difficulties stated. It may be further asked whether any of our philanthropists have given thought to the street Arabs in

PEAK GARDENER AND PINE WOOD.**DEFENDANT PLEADS GUILTY.****SHOULD HAVE SAVED THE COURT TIME AND TROUBLE.**

When the case concerning the possession of 150 cabbies of pine wood, alleged to have been cut from a Government plantation on the Peak, by a Chinese gardener, who is employed by Lieut. Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., of No. 23, The Peak, was resumed before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistrate's Court yesterday, it was stated by Mr. L. R. Andrews (Assistant Crown Solicitor) that he had intended to ask for a remand before the case proceeded the previous day, but he allowed it to go on as he understood that the defendant was going to plead guilty.

Since the adjournment, Mr. Andrews said, he had examined the plan of Lieut. Col. Bird's house, having the tree stumps marked on it, and he found they were actually much closer to the house than was stated the previous day. It was also seen that the garden of the house encroached on Crown land. He mentioned this to show that Mr. Carr's evidence was very far indeed to accused, given as it was without the aid of the plan.

Execution Of Warrants.

Before proceeding with the evidence, his Worship said that a small point was made by the prosecution the previous day that Mr. Carr, when he first went to the house with the warrant, was refused admission. The refusal was justified, because Mr. Carr or any other officer of the Forestry Department had no right to execute a warrant himself. A police officer should have accompanied him. Mr. Carr informed his Worship that he was accompanied by a Chinese detective when he first went to the house with the warrant, and was kept waiting until the arrival of Sub-Inspector Logan.

His Worship replied that Mr. Carr should have mentioned that fact when he gave his evidence on Thursday. Mr. Andrews said that he understood the procedure mentioned by the Magistrate had always been followed by the Forestry Department.

Evidence For The Defence.

A houseboy employed in the same place was called as a witness for the defence. The defendant had stated the previous day that the houseboy knew how he came by the wood. This witness, however, was not helpful, as he told his Worship that he knew nothing whatever of the wood.

Defendant then said that he had nothing more to say, and asked his Worship to give him a chance.

His Worship: Are you pleading "guilty" now?—Yes.

His Worship: You might have saved the Court much time and trouble if you had done that at first.

The defendant was fined \$40, or three weeks' hard labour.

AN AERODROME TRANSACTION.**BUILDINGS COST £160,000—SOLD FOR £1,100.****OFFICIAL REPORT.**

How Boscombe Aerodrome, which cost £160,000, was sold for £1,100 by the Government and resold for £24,000 is told in the report of the Select Committee of Public Accounts.

This story of an astonishing transaction on the part of Government officials is taken from one paragraph of the official report during the examination of Sir Walter Nicholson, who has been Secretary to the Air Ministry since 1920, which reads:—

Major Salmon, member of the committee: In effect what the Ministry did was this: They paid, as I understand from you, £24,000 for the buildings which you sold for £1,100, which in effect had cost originally something in the region of £160,000.—Yes.

Question Of Value.

The following question was asked Sir Walter Nicholson by Mr. H. Briggs, M.P.:—May I ask why you should assume that it was even possible to argue a value of £24,000 for buildings which you had sold five years before to the same owners for £1,100?

Sir Walter Nicholson:—"I scarcely know what the best way to reply to that is. The value to us of these buildings, and the value to the tenants who were general contractors doing some agricultural business and some transport business, was inevitably very different."

Mr. Briggs, M.P., said later:—"I am puzzled. I cannot understand how £160,000 worth of buildings were sold for £1,100!"

Sir Walter Nicholson:—"That is, in effect, the fact. Of course, that is not the complete story, but that is, in effect, the fact; and many such transactions inevitably took place."

SHAUKIWAN FACTORY FATALITY.**CONCLUSION OF DEATH ENQUIRY.****JURY'S VERDICT AND OBSERVATIONS.**

After a visit to the Fung Keung rubber shoe factory in Shaukiwau where the explosion of a vulcanizer caused the death of a Chinese woman worker on December 17th, Mr. R. E. Lindsell and the jury resumed the death enquiry on the victim at the Central Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon.

Evidence was given by the manager of the establishment, a young Chinese, who stated that he had acted in that capacity for two years and had been for one year previously an apprentice. During this time he received instruction in the working of the vulcanizers from "a professor." The factory had been operating for five years. The witness proceeded to give technical evidence on the working of the vulcanizing apparatus. He said that he was summoned to the factory by a telephone message after the explosion. On arrival he found the dead body of the woman. A vulcanizer cover was found to have been blown off. The cover had demolished a pillar supporting the roof, which collapsed, and then passed through a partition wall. The man who was in charge of the vulcanizers, Ho Yau, was slightly injured, but he had since disappeared and witness heard that he had gone to the country.

Coroner's Summing-up.

In summing up, the Coroner said that it was clear from the evidence that the woman had been killed by the vulcanizer cover or by fragments from the demolished pillar. Gross and criminal neglect by those in charge was necessary before bringing in a verdict of manslaughter. In this case the man responsible has absconded, but that was of no importance as it was not an uncommon thing.

The other verdict which the jury could come to was accidental death. In this case it was open to the jury to pass a vote of censure and make any comments they might think desirable in connection with the inspection of such machinery. There was in force an Ordinance requiring the issue of a certificate before a boiler was used. If the jury attached no blame to any person, then they could bring in a verdict with any recommendation they desire to make.

Verdict And Recommendations.

After a short retirement, the foreman of the jury announced that their verdict was one of accidental death. They added (1) that since there is an Ordinance requiring certificates for the installation and working of boilers in the Colony, the Government should be asked to see that the Ordinance does not remain a dead letter, but put it into force; (2) that periodic examination should be carried out by Government surveyors to skilled supervision; and lastly that they concur with the recommendations made by witnesses as regards the supervision of steam boilers.

Mr. Lindsell thanked the jury and said that he agreed with their verdict. The recommendations made by them will be forwarded to the Government.

WAR SENSATION EXPLAINED.**DISAPPEARING TRICK THAT FAILED.**

VIENNA, Dec. 2nd.

How an American conjuror's failure to conjure resulted in the British authorities discovering Austro-Hungarian plots to disorganize Allied munition production in America in 1915, and leading to America's demand for the recall of Dr. Dumba (now Count Augustus Dumba), has been revealed.

All that was known previously was that the British authorities seized certain papers from Mr. James E. J. Archibald, an American war correspondent, at Falmouth on August 30th, 1915.

Plans For Strikes.

These papers included thirty-four documents—letters from Dr. Dumba, Count John Bernstorff, and Captain von Popen, the German Military Attaché to their Government. One of Dr. Dumba's letters discussed plans for causing strikes in the Bethlehem steel works and other works in America engaged in making shells for the Allies.

"We would never," says Count Dumba in the *Vienna Journal* to-day, "have entrusted these letters to Archibald had we not known him to be an amazingly clever conjurer, able not only to produce eggs and coins from the ears of his neighbours, but equally able to cause them to vanish."

"I told him personally that whatever happened my private letter to Baron Burian, the Austrian Foreign Minister, must in the event of trouble be made to vanish."

Archibald had such great confidence in his conjuring abilities that he carried the documents on his person. He was searched at Falmouth—and the letters were found."

NEW ARCHBISHOP'S ELECTION.**PAGEANT OF DR. LANG'S CONFIRMATION.****A LONGWINDED PROTEST.**

A triple protest was made against the election of Dr. Cosmo Gordon Lang (Archbishop of York) as Archbishop of Canterbury when, in accordance with ancient custom, a Royal Commission of bishops and officials sat at St. Mary-le-Bow Church to confirm his appointment.

A great crowd assembled in the church, and the service and ceremony there went through without a hitch, but for the preceding twenty minutes the Bishop of London and six other bishops sitting in solemn private conclave in the vestry had to deal with three objectors and objections.

They were raised by Mr. J. A. Kensit, the Rev. E. G. Bowring, rector of Peldon, Essex, and Capt. J. W. Duncan Barron, secretary of the Church Association.

All three objections were submitted in writing, and were chiefly on doctrinal grounds. Mr. Kensit's practically embraced the others. His protest complained:—

That the new Archbishop had "chosen to pursue a deliberate policy of non-repression of illegal ritual," and "has encouraged some of the most extravagant forms of this ritual excess at Middlesbrough and elsewhere."

That it was alleged he would be the first Archbishop of Canterbury since the Reformation to wear the mitre at his enthronement, a head-dress definitely discarded at the Reformation.

That "Dr. Lang is no fit person to hold the Archbishopric of Canterbury, because he has set himself to permit in the Church of England the use of the Deposited Prayer Book which has been rejected by Parliament on two separate occasions."

Bunyan Invoked.

"As this is the day of Bunyan's baptism," continued Mr. Kensit's protest, "I cannot refrain from saying we need an archbishop who is not 'Mr. Pliable,' but one who should be 'Mr. Steadfast.'"

Mr. Kensit's protest was ruled out by the Bishop of London and the other bishops, so were the other two.

But Mr. Kensit was not satisfied. He had come with a prepared speech. He referred to a legal judgment that had previously been given, the gist of which is that objections concerning doctrine are inadmissible on such an occasion, and quoted Mr. Justice Wright, who said that the form of objection had never since the statute allowing it (Henry VIII.'s reign) retained any reality.

"My question now is," said Mr. Kensit: "Is it wise to retain something which is not real? If objectors are not desired, why keep a form which rests upon no statute and only irritates the public who think they have an opportunity of protest, and in reality have no such thing?"

The bishops listened gravely. Nothing seemed to be coming of it, but Mr. Kensit was insistent.

It has been the custom in previous confirmation services for a cleric to announce in the open church meeting to this effect: "Oyez, oyez, oyez. If any of you know any cause why Dr. (in this case Cosmo Gordon) should not be appointed Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, come forward in God's name."

Was the cleric going to cry? Mr. Kensit demanded. "If so, he would raise his protest in the church."

The Bishop of London gave the following reply:—

The judgment of the Court of Royal Commissioners, having given due consideration to the objections laid by you, is that they find that they relate purely to the fitness or unfitness of the Archbishop-elect for that post.

They nowhere profess to question the fact of his election. This being so the Commissioners rule that they do not establish the right of you or any of you to appear or to be heard during the business of confirmation, and they order and decree accordingly.

Mr. Kensit and the two other objectors withdrew. But outside on the pavement copies of the Kensit protest were being freely distributed to the crowd. One clergyman received a copy angrily and at once impaled it on the railings. Another took the protest and whipped it into the road with his stick.

Lord Mayor In State.

The public confirmation of election ceremony was one of great dignity. The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs arrived in state to the music of the National Anthem. A procession of the bishops then advanced from the vestry while the organ played "The War March of the Priests."

Dr. Cosmo Lang at first sat in the ordinary pew while the Court was held. It consisted of the reading of lengthy documents, and finally the Bishop of London, who presided, gave sentence. He declared that the Archbishop was "a man both prudent and discreet, born in lawful wedlock of due age, and of sound mind and memory."

WHOLE FAMILY GASED.**SIX DEATHS AT STOCKPORT.**

A man, his wife, and their four children were gassed in their sleep in the early hours of November 30th at their home, No. 71, Sheffield-street, Heaton Norris, Stockport. Eleven persons not fatally injured, but suffering from severe coal gas poisoning, were conveyed to the Stockport infirmary from Nos. 69 and 73 in the same street.

The cause of the accident has been found to be a fracture in the gas main under the pavement in front of the houses and feeding those houses with gas. The dead are:—Arthur Baker, 36, employed as a builder's labourer by a firm of contractors in Manchester; Ethel Baker, 34, his wife; James William Baker, 19, Dorothy Baker, 7, Harold Baker, 4, and Olive Baker, 1, the four children of Mr. and Mrs. Baker.

Five members of a family named Costello, including the grandmother, mother, and three children under six years of age, and six members of a family named Watts, including the mother, father, and four children, from Nos. 69 and 73 respectively, are the persons conveyed to the infirmary. Only one person sleeping in any of the three houses escaped unhurt.

It was easy to credit the account of the neighbours that when the two surviving households at Nos. 69 and 73 were aroused at about 5.30 this morning the whole street, as well as their houses, seemed to be full of gas, so that Mr. Watts, one of the injured almost overcome by the fumes, could get no relief even from the air at the doorstep of his house, and had to go right away into another street. Dr. Worthington, a police surgeon, who examined the bodies of the Baker family at 7 o'clock, was of opinion that death had taken place eight hours previously.

This fact, pointing to the beginning of the percolation of the gas under the houses by gas at least from the time when the three families went to bed last night, affords an explanation of the details which it has since been possible to gather from members of the Watts and Costello families, and from others living in the vicinity. The first alarm to reach the police at the Warren-street Station in Stockport was given shortly before 6 o'clock by Walter Kneen, who lives at No. 87, Sheffield-street. His story was that he had been roused by the people at 69 (the Costellos), who told him of the strong smell of gas, that he first went into 69 and made sure that all gas taps were turned off, and then tried to arouse the Bakers at No. 71, but could get no reply.

Bodies Found By Police.

The police at once turned out with a motor patrol and forced an entry to No. 71. Upstairs they found Mrs. Baker and her two children, James William and Olive, lying dead in bed in the front room. Mr. Baker was lying dead partly dressed with his arms outstretched across the back of the bed in the same room. As Mr. Baker had slept in the back bedroom it appeared as if he had been roused by the danger, had partly dressed himself, and gone into his wife's room and there collapsed before he could awaken her and the children, who were sleeping with her. In the back bedroom Harold, the four-year-old boy, was lying dead in his cot, and the girl Dorothy was dead in the bed in which apparently she had been sleeping with her father.

After assuring himself that the members of the Baker family were beyond help Sergeant Higginbottom, who was in charge, gave attention to the families in the adjoining houses. Two of the Watts family were sitting on chairs in the backyard and the rest of that family were evidently very ill in bed. The officer sent for two ambulance vans and had all members of both the Watts and Costello families removed to the infirmary. The prompt attention speedily brought most of the sufferers round, and only Mrs. Costello, who is 79 years of age, seemed to be dangerously affected.

£1,750 FOR A BED.

Paris, Dec. 27th:—There was some spirited bidding at to-day's sale of period furniture belonging to Mlle. Cecile Sorel, the actress. The famous Mme. du Barry bed was knocked down at £1,750. The amount obtained by yesterday's and to-day's sales was £34,500.

good conversation. "We by the authority of our Sovereign Lord the King committed unto us confirm the aforesaid election."

The new Lord Archbishop, who had previously moved from his pew to the table in the chancel where the court was being held, and had taken the oath of allegiance and subscribed in loud tones to a declaration against simony (the taking of money for appointing to benefices), then pronounced his archiepiscopal blessing for the first time in public.

The great massive golden cross of the Archbishop of Canterbury was raised aloft, and the procession reformed and left the church.

BATTLE FOR "DRY" ENGLAND.**PROHIBITION AN ELECTION ISSUE?****SECRET PLANS.**

Prohibition in England—or at least that end by stages—is to be made an issue at the general election of next year, says the *Daily Express*.

Plans are being laid quietly, and with intense care and method, to appeal to the electors—and particularly the women—to work and to vote for parliamentary candidates who are pledged to temperance reform.

The incentive behind this campaign is the success of Mr. Hoover in the United States Presidential election. The immense majority which he secured has given every temperance and prohibitionist in England a new hope of a successful campaign in the coming elections.

"We are all heartened to go forward with renewed energy and hope," said Mr. George B. Wilson, the political and literary secretary to the United Kingdom Alliance—the strongest and most forceful temperance society in this country—to a *Daily Express* representative. "It was said during the American Presidential election campaign that the vote of the American people would be in effect a referendum on prohibition."

"There is no question that this is so, although the other side are now trying to produce other excuses for the defeat of Governor Smith."

"The election of Mr. Hoover will stimulate the cause of temperance throughout the world."

Questions For Candidates.

Every parliamentary candidate at the next election will be asked: Are you in favour of Local option for England?

A strict maintenance of the licence hours?

The strengthening of the existing laws in relation to drinking in clubs?

The candidate in any constituency who returns the most satisfactory answers will receive the whole weight of the temperance party vote in his division. This

means that the candidates who say they will support a measure for local option will automatically secure influential help.

Pamphlets and posters for the general election are in course of preparation. Special attention will be given to the women voters in industrial areas. They will receive literature advocating local option and prohibition, and will be specially canvassed to support only temperance candidates.

A secret plan is on foot to put forward out-and-out prohibition candidates in as many as forty constituencies. It is not thought that these candidates would have any real chance of election, but they might, on the other hand, so split the voting as to keep out candidates who are not particularly favourable to temperance reform.

The candidates are ready in the background. They are all good speakers. The difficulty at the moment is the money to finance their election expenses, but it is hoped that a substantial amount will be forthcoming in time for the general election.

Local Option.

Present members of Parliament who are at all sympathetic are being approached and asked to promise to advocate local option and the State acquisition of the liquor trade. If they do so they will be helped in every possible manner.

There is a complete understanding between all the various temperance societies with regard to the forthcoming election efforts. They will stand together, irrespective of religious creed or general political views, to assist the candidate pledged to local option, and to impress on the electors the desirability of ultimate prohibition.

Mr. "Pussyfoot" Johnson, the famous prohibition campaigner of America, will be in this country in the spring, and will be ready with advice and personal assistance for the prohibition "push."

His organization, the World League Against Alcoholism, will co-operate with the English societies in every possible way.

Money for the campaign funds on this side is expected from America.

Another phase of the temperance work in the election will be strong denunciation of any relief under the Government's derating proposals going to the brewing industry.

WOMEN M.P.'S NEW RECORD.**ALL CHAMPIONS OF THE SAME BILL.****BOOTS FOR CHILDREN.****LONDON, Dec. 31st.**

A new parliamentary record was set up yesterday, when all the women M.P.s, with one unavoidable exception, joined together to back a Bill introduced by a woman.

The only exception was the Duchess of Atholl, whose official position as Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education prevented her from joining the other women M.P.s.

Miss Margaret Bondfield introduced the Bill, the purpose of which was to provide boots for children in distressed districts. She made a brief, emotional speech, and when, in the customary form, she was asked by the Speaker to name those who were "prepared to bring in the Bill," she read out the names of Lady Astor, Lady Iremonger, Mrs. Hilton Phillips, Mrs. Runciman, Miss Ellen Wilkinson, Miss Susan Lawrence, and herself.

The Duchess of Atholl completed the list by being present.

"Unique Bill."

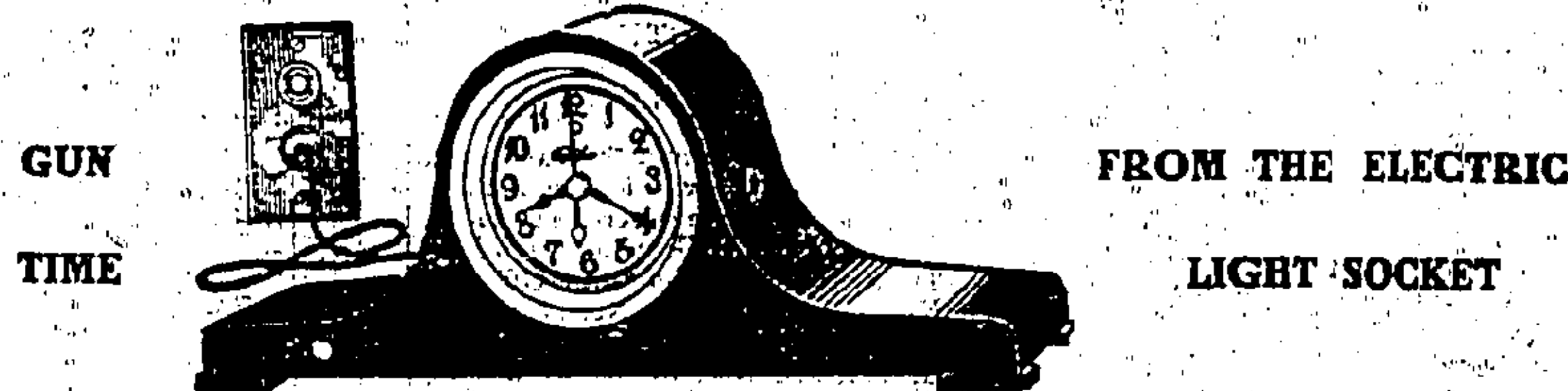
"This Bill," said Miss Bondfield, "is unique of its kind, if it is only for the reason that it is brought forward by seven women members, irrespective of party."

She explained that the Bill proposes that the Treasury should pay 80 per cent. of the cost of distribution of footwear and the local authorities 10 per cent., any schemes of distribution to be subject to Government approval.

Miss Bondfield spoke movingly of children as "prisoners of poverty," and of seeing the ghosts of the poor when she looked into shop windows stored with Christmas presents.

"I can hardly trust myself to speak on this subject," she concluded.

The House granted leave for the Bill's introduction, and it was read a first time.

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Moscow, Dec. 9th.—Peasant fury against Soviet rule has vented itself in the form of 34,000 incendiary fires in Russia this year, wherein 1,000 halls, homes of members of village soviets, theatres, flour mills and grain elevators have been destroyed.

On the basis of these official figures the Commissariat of Justice demands the death penalty in cases where arson has been committed by villagers, whose wholesale terrorist acts against the Soviets must be curbed.

A large number of fires in villages, amounting to 82,000, have been caused by rowdies, drunkards, and persons scheming to collect excessive fire insurance from the state insurance company.

One case recorded is that of a peasant who was refused admission to a theatre because he had no ticket, and burned the theatre down in revenge.

Three additional murders in one village of newspaper correspondents and officials by peasants are reported to-day.

During the last fortnight anti-Soviet assassinations have averaged two every day.

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REAR-ADMIRAL AND TWO INTRUDERS.

MIDNIGHT SURPRISE IN HIS BEDROOM.

Rear-Admiral Herbert Willes Webley Hope gave evidence at Marylebone Police Court of a midnight discovery of two alleged thieves in his bedroom.

Bernard Arthur Beagle, aged twenty-nine, an hotel porter, and James McCartney, aged twenty-three, a waiter, were remanded on a charge of stealing a pearl necklace, a crystal necklace, a gold brooch, a silver cigarette case, and two wrist-watches from the rear-admiral's bedroom in a private hotel at Inverness-terrace, Bayswater.

"My wife and I had been dining out, and returned to Inverness-terrace last night at 11.30," said Rear-Admiral Hope. "My wife went upstairs before me and came down, and from what she told me I went upstairs myself. I opened the door of my bedroom and found the two men inside. The light was on, and each of the men had an electric torch. The room was in great disorder.

"They Looked Sheepish." "I know one of the men as the porter at the hotel and the other as a waiter. Neither had any business in my bedroom at that hour of the night. I said: 'What are you doing here?' They looked sheepish and mumbled, and I told them to clear out. They went quickly, but as soon as they were outside the door they nipped down the stairs.

"I missed jewellery to the value of £50 and on going to the basement with a detective found the missing brooch and pearl necklace close to the spot where Beagle had been standing."

Bail was refused.

SECRET FUEL TEST IN A LINER.

PULVERISED COAL FOR 11,000-TON SHIP.

London, Dec. 7th.—The announcement in the *Sunday Express* that a Cabinet committee has formulated a scheme for a scientific revival of the coal industry, gives special interest to an experimental cruise of an 11,000-ton liner which has just taken place in conditions of considerable secrecy.

The Government scheme comprises the formation of one great selling organisation for all the coal fields, combined with a State guarantee of capital for the development of various low-temperature carbonisation systems.

Low-temperature carbonisation extracts from coal its valuable by-products—motor spirit, fuel oil, lubricating oil, and gas, and leaves a residue which, although valuable as a smokeless fuel, is in most cases somewhat difficult to burn.

Missing Link

Recent research, it is believed, has now supplied the missing link in the chain of economical coal utilisation. An all-British plant has been evolved which, it is claimed, is capable of pulverising this residue and using it for marine engine propulsion at a cost far below that of ordinary coal-fired or oil-driven machinery.

It was to put these claims to the test that the New Zealand Shipping Company's liner, *Hororata*, was specially equipped for the experiment which has just been made. Representatives of the Admiralty, as well as the leading British shipping magnates and engineers from the chief French, German, and Dutch steamship companies.

The *Daily Express* understands that the Government representatives expressed satisfaction with the results, and it was stated that the *Hororata* is now to make a voyage to New Zealand, during which the work of her engines under the pulverised fuel system is to be thoroughly tried out.

TUNNEY IN LONDON.

MR. BERNARD SHAW'S "BOXING GLOVES."

London, Dec. 10th.—Gene Tunney and his wife, formerly Miss Josephine Lauder, who is heiress to £10,000,000, are in London. They arrived to spend a quiet week on their "honeymoon journey" home to the United States.

Tunney will see no one. He has left instructions at his hotel that he will not be interviewed, and yesterday he spent mysteriously "out of town."

Mr. George Bernard Shaw—whom it was rumoured Tunney might visit—knew nothing about the heavy-weight champion's arrival. "If he is not at his hotel," he said to a *Daily Express* representative, "it does not necessarily follow that he is visiting me."

"Then you are not wearing your boxing gloves?" it was suggested. "No," said Mr. Shaw thoughtfully, "to-day is Sunday, isn't it?"

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION Co's STEAMER "MOREA."

ARRIVED HONG KONG ON 4th JANUARY, 1929.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLES, MALT, PORTSAID, ADEN, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godown at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions have been given to the contrary. Six hours before arrival of the Steamer.

Goods not cleared within 8 days, including date of arrival, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, within the Free Storage period.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underinsured on or before 24th January, 1929, or they will not be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

MAKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co., Agents.

Hong Kong, 4th Jan., 1929. [7195]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION Co's STEAMER "ALFPORE."

ARRIVED HONG KONG ON 4th JANUARY, 1929.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godown at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo from Persian Gulf ex B.I.S.N. and E. & P.S.N. Co's Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions have been given to the contrary. Six hours before arrival of the Steamer.

Goods not cleared within 8 days, including date of arrival, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underinsured on or before 24th January, 1929, or they will not be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

MAKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co., Agents.

Hong Kong, 4th Jan., 1929. [7193]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"ELBERMAN" LINE.

FROM EUROPE.

THE STEAMSHIP "CITY OF MADRAS" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence Delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 7th January, 1929, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underinsured on or before 14th January, 1929, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the Free Storage period of One Week.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by THE BANK LINE, LTD., General Agents.

Hong Kong, 2nd Jan., 1929. [7181]

PRINCE LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK

THE STEAMSHIP "ROYAL PRINCE" Having arrived from the above Port on 31st instant, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees risk and expense.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Saturday, 5th instant, 1929 at 10 a.m.

All Claims must be presented within 15 days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 7th January, 1929 will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

FURNESS (P&O) LTD., 2nd Floor, King's Building, Consignee's Room, Hongkong, Telephone No. 5145.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1928. [7165]

BRITISH INDIA S.S. CO., LTD.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "GAZANA" having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where Delivery may be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by 10th January, 1929, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.

All Claims must be presented within Ten days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

A Protest has been noted by the Master against bad weather.

MAKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co., Hong Kong, 3rd Jan., 1929. [7190]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

FROM UNITED KINGDOM VIA SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES per Co's Vessel "THESEUS" are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for Delivery from Godown on and after 2nd January.

Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless Notice has been given prior to Vessel's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Vessel's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 8th January, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Vessel must be presented to the Underinsured on or before the 22nd January, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

2nd January, 1929. [7179]

"GLEN" LINE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

FROM UNITED KINGDOM VIA PORTS.

THE Steamship "GLENSHANE" having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence, and/or from the wharves, Delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 10th January, at Noon, will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined in the presence of Consignees by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, on 8th January, at 10 a.m. Claims against the Steamer including those for Cargo short delivered must be presented on the Special Form provided, and must also be submitted within 30 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hong Kong, 3rd Jan., 1929. [7169]

SERVICES CONTRACTUELS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEE NOTICE.

S.S. "DARTAGNAN."

ARRIVED HONG KONG ON 2nd JANUARY, 1929.

FROM MARSEILLES, &c.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods with the exception of Optum, Treasures and Valuables are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared within 7 days including date of arrival, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims must be sent to the Underinsured before Friday, the 11th January, 1929, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays, the 8th January, 1929.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

L. LESDOS, Agent.

Hong Kong, 2nd Jan., 1929. [7180]



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REGULAR WEEKLY SERVICE FROM HONG KONG TO JAVA

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SOUTH BOUND.

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CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUICHANG"	On 6th Jan.	8 a.m.
SWATOW & DALI	"LIANGCHOW"	On 6th Jan.	8 a.m.
SWATOW, FAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"CHENGCHU"	On 6th Jan.	10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KALANG"	On 8th Jan.	11 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANHUI"	On 7th Jan.	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"NINGPO"	On 8th Jan.	3 p.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SHANTUNG"	On 8th Jan.	3 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"YUNNAN"	On 9th Jan.	3 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"CHERKIANG"	On 10th Jan.	3 p.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"SZCHUEN"	On 13th Jan.	8 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"TEAN"	On 13th Jan.	10 a.m.
SWATOW, FAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"KANGSU"	On 13th Jan.	11 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KANOW"	On 13th Jan.	3 p.m.
SHANGHAI & DALI	"KINGYUAN"	On 13th Jan.	8 p.m.
AMOI, SWATOW, S'PORE & B'KOK	"KIUNGOROW"	On 13th Jan.	8 a.m.
HONGKONG, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK	"HUICHOW"	On 13th Feb.	4 p.m.
WATWAI, CHENG & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW"	On 13th Feb.	4 p.m.

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CHANGTE	8th February	15th February
TAIPING	8th March	15th March
CHANGTE	8th April	15th April

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ATHOS II ... 15th Jan., 1929	SPHINX ... 15th Jan., 1929
D'ARTAGNAN ... 29th Jan., "	G. METZINGER ... 27th Jan., "
SPHINX ... 12th Feb., "	PAUL LECAT ... 25th Feb., "
G. METZINGER ... 29th Feb., "	ANDRE LEBON ... 25th Feb., "
PAUL LECAT ... 12th Mar., "	PORTHOS ... 12th Mar., "
ANDRE LEBON ... 26th Mar., "	CHENONORAU ... 28th Mar., "
PORTHOS ... 9th Apr., "	ATHOS II ... 9th Apr., "
CHENONORAU ... 23rd Apr., "	D'ARTAGNAN ... 23rd Apr., "

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Shipping News Arrivals and Departures, etc.

ARRIVALS.

January 3rd.

Clara Jensen, Danish str., 1,145 tons, Capt. J. Davidson, from Saigon, which port she left on December 29th, with 2,500 tons of general cargo, lying at buoy No. C17—Chan Tong Ha.
Kamakura Maru, Japanese str., 3,034 tons, Capt. Z. Hirai, from Moji, which port she left on December 30th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A1—N.Y.K.
Sunkong, Chinese str., 332 tons, Capt. Lai Kwong, from Kwong Chow Wan, with 230 tons of general cargo, lying at buoy No. C33—Man Yick.

January 4th.

Alipore, British str., 3,241 tons, Capt. E. N. Dawson, from Bombay and Singapore. The latter port she left on December 27th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.
Chenan, British str., 1,354 tons, Capt. N. Hardie, from Canton, lying at buoy No. B11—B. & S.
Hang Sang, British str., 1,356 tons, Capt. R. J. Sueddon, from Canton, lying at buoy No. B32—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Mantua, British str., 3,933 tons, Capt. H. C. Davis, from Yokohama, Kobe and Shanghai. The last mentioned port she left on January 1st, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.
Mexico Maru, Japanese str., 5,785 tons, Capt. K. Moriy, from Osaka, which port she left on December 28th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—O.S.K.
Morea, British str., 10,953 tons, Capt. R. Holland, from London, which port she left on November 30th, with mails and general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—P. & O.
President McKinley, American str., 14,127 tons, Capt. R. E. Carey, from Seattle, which port she left on December 15th, with 1,500 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—American Mail Line.
Suichang, British str., 1,584 tons, Capt. L. Jenkins, from Canton, in ballast, lying at buoy No. B3—B. & S.
Ting Sang, British str., 1,232 tons, Capt. W. P. Baker, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at West Point—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CLEARANCES.

January 4th.

Chung Kong, for Tourane.
Mexico Maru, for Singapore.
Santhia, for Amoy.
Ting Sang, for Canton.
Protesilaus, for Mike.
Chenan, for Shanghai.
Mantua, for Singapore.
Norviken, for Hoihow.
Kamakura Maru, for Singapore.
Sunkong, for Kwang Chow Wan.
Haiching, for Swatow.
Alipore, for Nagasaki.
Morea, for Shanghai.
Arica, for Canton.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The B.I. and Apar Line s.s. Talma will leave Amoy for this port yesterday afternoon, and is due here to-day during the afternoon.
(Continued on next Column).

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

The following passengers arrived here yesterday by the s.s. Mantua, from Yokohama, Kobe and Shanghai—Mr. O. Gillon, Mr. R. W. Nica, Mr. G. Adair, Mr. L. W. Lovely, Mrs. M. Y. Johnson, Miss P. Johnson, Miss Storman, Miss M. Hodges, Miss F. Simon, Mr. E. Humphreys, Mr. J. D. McLeod, Miss I. C. Kuan, Dr. H. G. Thompson, Mr. F. H. Dimmock, Mr. N. Solomon, Mr. S. Yakoff, Mr. Soo T. Kee, Mr. G. E. Mathews, Lady Loch, Miss Loch, Mr. S. Liang, Mr. H. H. Chen, Miss O. Yeung, Mr. H. C. Sheppard, Mr. M. S. Sanjana, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Oswald and son, Mr. J. C. Finch, Mr. F. P. Lachlan, Mr. L. Lockwood, Able Seaman Gooch, Mr. E. Bolton, Mr. E. Barker, Mr. J. S. Anderson, Mr. A. Lewis, Capt. James, Mr. and Mrs. B. Gregory, Mrs. M. A. Clark, Mr. L. Newmarch.

The following passengers arrived here yesterday by the s.s. Morea from London—Mrs. E. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ramsay, Mr. B. M. Macnashill, Mr. W. G. Walter, Mr. and Mrs. A. Reynolds and two children, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Vincent and child, Capt. and Mrs. T. Whyte-Smith and two children, Mr. B. Brothie, Mr. and Mrs. D. Mackenzie and child, Mr. and Mrs. I. Day and child, Mr. R. W. N. Hayward, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fraser and infant, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Stephens and four children, Mrs. Whyte-Smith, Mr. S. Greenwood, Mr. D. F. Davies, Miss E. A. Girling, Mr. R. A. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Oliver and child, Mr. E. Vidal, Mr. G. Stanley, Mr. E. H. Hale, Mr. J. W. O'Brien, Miss A. Maslin, Mr. M. Allan, Lt. Com. Curdison, Mr. F. E. Lawrence, Com. G. F. Hale, Mr. and Mrs. T. Bolt and two children, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. L. Shenton and child, Nurse Wilson, Mr. Seth, Mr. and Mrs. C. Lee, Mr. N. B. Lee, Capt. H. E. Bloxham, Mr. E. Axon, Mrs. Lawrence and two children, Mr. G. W. Sheng, Mr. S. F. Chuin, Mr. Lai Hong, Mr. F. T. Lap, Mr. H. Maganall, Mr. P. Hassanani, Mr. E. E. Mogra, Mr. H. C. Resker, Mr. A. N. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. L. Meyer, Mr. Chambers, Dr. and Mrs. M. O. Croon, Mr. L. Ebbstein, Mr. P. Ebbstein, Mr. A. H. Talbot, Mr. and Mrs. J. Withnell, Mr. D. A. Willis, Mr. Yang, Mr. and Mrs. Tseng Chih, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Young and infant, Mr. Tso Kai Yuet, Mr. Chai Wai Chio, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Homewood, Mr. and Mrs. F. Keen, Miss C. E. Hopegood, Mrs. D. Carr, Miss W. Hutchinson, Miss J. E. Walena, Mr. C. de Lee, Mr. T. O'Brien, Mr. Drevitt, Mr. E. C. Pascoe, Mr. F. W. Cavanagh, Mr. A. Walsh, Mr. W. W. Murdoch, Mr. L. McWilliam, Mrs. P. W. Massey, Mr. T. H. Butler, Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Sergeant and two children, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dick, Mrs. Gray, Mr. C. Gray, Mr. H. Gray, Mr. H. E. Jones, Miss Macintyre, Mrs. E. K. Davies and three children, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Everest, Miss V. Milay, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Priese, Mr. W. Boochen, Mr. A. Dorry, Mr. B. C. Smith, Mrs. C. Harris, Mr. H. S. Tham.

The following passengers arrived on January 4th by the s.s. President McKinley from U.S. and the North—Mr. Geo. A. Allan, Mr. R. Bahlmann, Mr. Ping Chen, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Chew, Miss A. Chew, Miss P. Chew, Mr. J. Curithart, R. S. Delcourt, Mr. Ah Sut Ding, Mr. G. Dubourg, Mr. S. Gattis, Mr. F. Gibbins, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Goudey, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Horron, Mr. Wai Ho, Mr. S. Hedaya, Mr. T. S. Ho, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. King, Mr. G. S. Kwok, Mrs. K. K. Kwok, Master A. Kwok, Master B. Kwok, Mr. Shun Wan Lai, Mr. and Mrs. Chee Chee Tai, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Fawc, Miss K. Le Fawc, Mr. H. T. Lam, Mr. S. T. Lee, Mr. P. Loyd, Mr. and Mrs. F. Mucchi, Mr. J. A. Murray, Mr. Mack Ming, Mr. J. C. Moynaschi, Dr. Chuen Wu Ma, Mr. G. Millward, Mr. W. B. Newsome, Mr. E. J. Phelan, Mrs. T. C. Quan, Master A. Quan, Master B. Quan, Master C. Quan, Mr. and Mrs. R. Roberts, Mr. G. S. Seetoo, Mr. H. B. Speed, Mr. and Mrs. V. Tai, Mr. Chunp, Chi, Mr. A. Thomas, Mr. T. Vign, Mr. Von Heider, Capt. W. T. Mark Ward, Mr. Nee Fu Wen, Mr. Y. S. Wong, Mrs. Shoi Mei, Wong, Mr. Fun Chan Wong, Mr. Kwai Ching Wong, Mr. P. Wyler, Mr. and Mrs. Shun Tse Yang, Mr. Yang Yue Yang, Master Yue Yang, For Manila: Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Boland, Mr. P. G. Boncker, Mr. M. S. Chapin, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Griswold, Dr. J. A. Hall, Master W. Happer, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. T. Jones, Master H. Jones, Master P. Jones, Master R. Jones, Master P. Malvar, Mr. Ramon Mitra, Mr. and Mrs. T. Nether, Lieut. Comdr. and Mrs. W. A. Vogel, Mr. D. S. Wood (Sea Post), Mr. E. J. Walsh.

The following passengers are due by the s.s. Suwa Maru from Singapore on Sunday—Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Butcher, Master A. S. Butcher, Mr. and Mrs. Mendes, Mr. J. Q. P. da Silveria, Rev. J. E. Dietiens, Mr. A. H. Fenwick, Mr. H. A. Field, Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Gibson, Miss A. A. Gibson, Miss E. C. Gibson, Miss A. O'Hara, Miss E. O'Hara, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Rochester, Mr. and Mrs. E. Schman, Mr. J. C. A. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Crookshank, Mr. and Mrs. T. Crookshank, Mr. A. O. Hyland, Miss C. D. Malcolm, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Needham, Miss J. E. Needham, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. G. Pearson, Master D. G. M. Pearson, Master J. S. O. Pearson, Master W. M. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Wilkinson, Mr. K. Ando, Mr. S. Hibino, Mr. K. Nakane, Mr. S. Nishikawa, Mr. T. Sakamoto, Mr. K. Takahata, Mr. H. Tautsumi, Mr. S. Doi, Mr. I. Fukasawa, Mr. T. Fukumi, Mr. G. Hashimoto, Mr. S. Hirota, Mr. G. P. Hudson, Mr. R. Ikeda, Mr. H. Iwasaki, Mr. S. Kawakita, Dr. and Mrs. E. Klein, Mr. K. Kodama, Mr. G. Kurata, Mr. U. Mayeda, Miss T. Mayeda, Mr. T. Chika, Miss M. E. Piderik, Mr. and Mrs. S. Sakamoto, Master K. Sakamoto, Mrs. M. Watanabe, and Mrs. Y. Yano.

VESSLS EXPECTED.

Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.
Nippon, Jan. 31st.
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Tennessee, Jan. 30th.

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OSAKA via AMOI, SHAL, MOJI & KOBE	"FOOKSANG"	Fri., 11th Jan., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, MOJI & KOBE	"YUENSANG"	Sun., 20th Jan., at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"NAMSANG" "KUTSANG"	Satur., 5th Jan., at 4 p.m. Wed., 9th Jan., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG" "HINSANG"	Sun., 13th Jan., at 10 a.m. Satur., 19th Jan., at 3 p.m.
CANTON	"KWATSANG"	Mon., 7th Jan., at 5 p.m.

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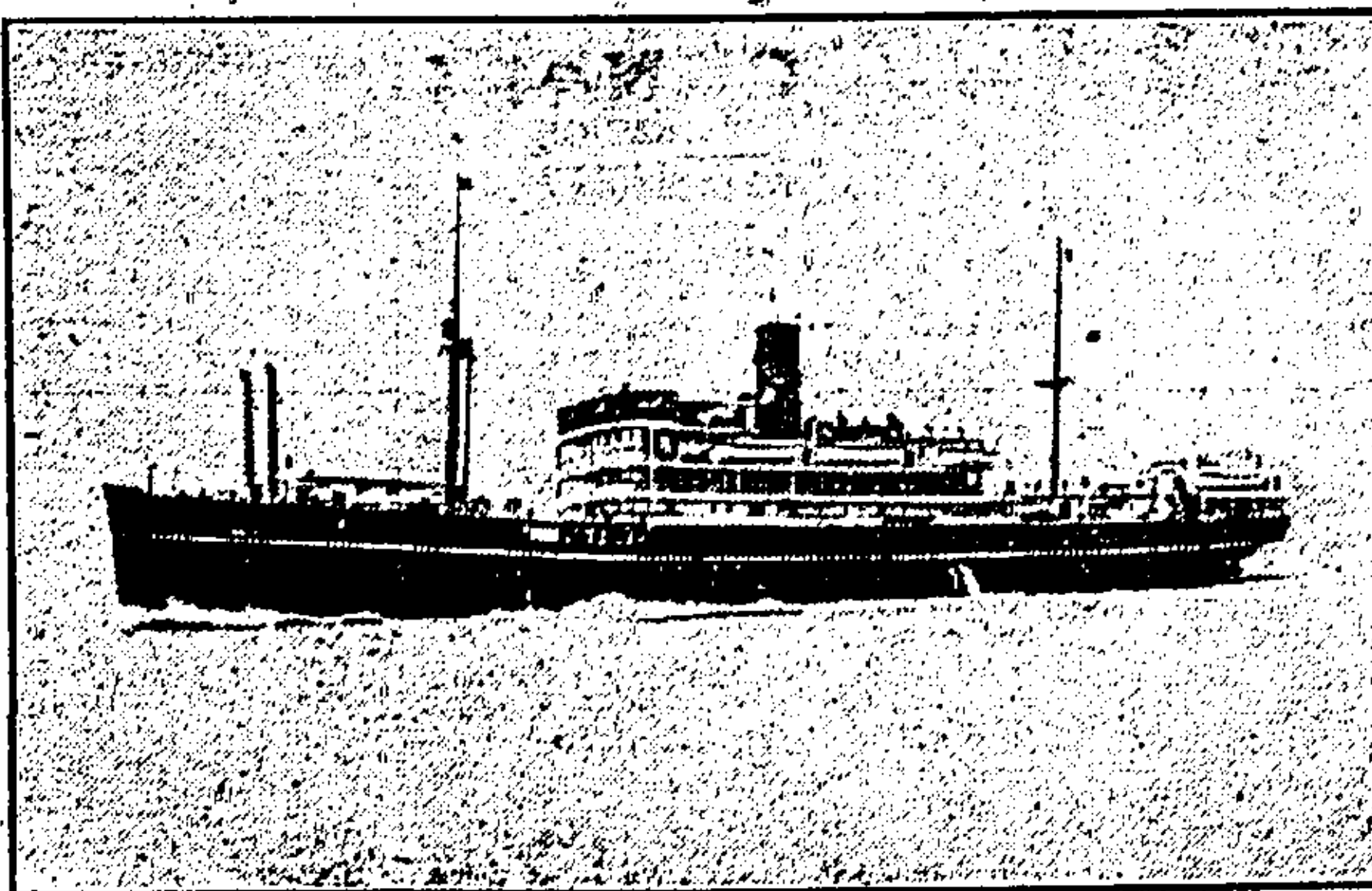
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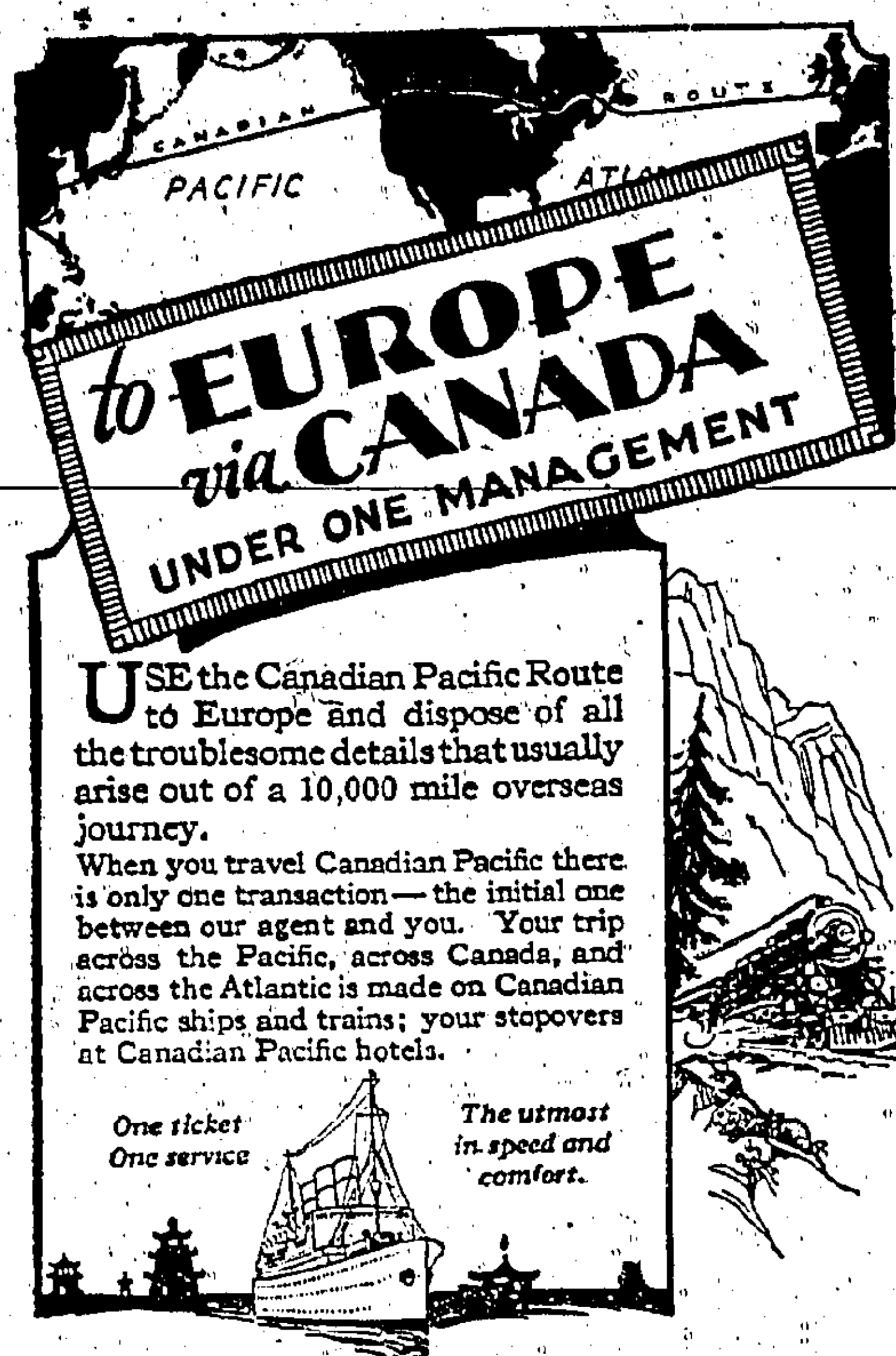


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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS LOW.

GOOD THROUGH CARGO.

Thirteen arrivals and eighteen departures were shown for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday; of which seven arrivals and five departures were British. Cargo discharged for this port was low, but through freights showed a very good total. British contributions were very good, especially the through freights, there being only one foreign carrier.

Nine vessels discharged 9,949 tons of general merchandise for Hong Kong of which 3,248 tons were contributed by four British ships. The two best returns were from the a.s. Clara Jebson (Danish) with 2,600 tons of rice from Saigon; and the a.s. Glenahane (British) from Middlesbrough and Singapore with 1,278 tons of general cargo.

Through freights showed a total of 15,682 tons. Of the eight carriers, seven were British, carrying 17,000 tons. The two heaviest carriers were British vessels. The a.s. Alipore from Bombay and Singapore carried 7,290 tons of general cargo, while the a.s. Glenahane had 4,500 tons from Middlesbrough and Singapore.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	7	5
Danish	1	0
Japanese	2	4
Chinese	3	3
Norwegian	0	2
Dutch	0	2
French	0	1
Total	13	19

DETAILS OF FREIGHTS.

Liangchow (British) arrived from Dairen and Amoy with 492 tons of general merchandise for Hong Kong and 1,170 tons for through ports.

Glenahane (British) arrived from Middlesbrough and Singapore with 1,278 tons of general cargo for this port and 4,504 tons for other ports.

Chinan (British) arrived from Canton with 281 tons of fruit and general cargo for ports beyond the Colony.

Suiyang (British) arrived from Canton with 310 tons of general merchandise for through ports.

Hanyang (British) arrived from Canton with 110 tons of general cargo for other ports.

Mantua (British) arrived from Yokohama and Shanghai with 3,460 tons of general cargo for other ports.

Alipore (British) arrived from Bombay and Singapore with 435 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong and 7,293 tons for through ports.

Clara Jebson (Danish) arrived from Saigon with 2,600 tons of rice and paddy for Hong Kong amounting to 2,600 tons.

Kamakura Maru (Japanese) arrived from Yokohama and Moji with 184 tons of gunnies and cement for Hong Kong and 2,662 tons of general cargo for through ports.

Sun Kong (Chinese) arrived from Kwong Chow Wan with 230 tons of general merchandise for Hong Kong.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

	Sunrise	Sunset
To-day	7.04 a.m.	5.53 p.m.
To-morrow	7.04	5.53
Monday	7.05	5.54

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail Line.
President Jefferson, Jan. 14th.
President McKinley, Jan. 14th.
Australian-Oriental Line.

Taipei, to-day.
Change, Feb. 8th.

Bank Line.

Liverbank, to-morrow.

City of Bedford, Jan. 8th.

Automedon, Jan. 15th.

City of Peking, Jan. 23rd.

Polotic, Feb. 1st.

City of Khartoum, Feb. 11th.

City of Delhi, March 11th.

Blue Funnel Line.

Protesilaus, to-day.

Persus, Jan. 8th.

Sarpedon, Jan. 8th.

Talhybius, Jan. 9th.

Achilles, Jan. 10th.

Lycan, Jan. 10th.

Eumaeus, Jan. 14th.

Ydus, Jan. 20th.

Aeneas, Jan. 22nd.

Dolius, Jan. 28th.

Ixon, Jan. 29th.

Keamun, Jan. 31st.

Calchas, Feb. 3rd.

Philoctetes, Feb. 5th.

Patroclus, Feb. 7th.

Autolycus, Feb. 8th.

Demodocus, Feb. 19th.

Bellerophon, Feb. 20th.

Euryades, Feb. 24th.

Troilus, Feb. 24th.

Tyndareus, Feb. 24th.

Menelaus, March 3rd.

Agapenor, March 5th.

Antenor, March 7th.

Meriones, March 14th.

Protesilaus, March 19th.

Ajax, March 27th.

Onfa, March 29th.

Pyrrhus, April 2nd.

Hector, April 4th.

Laomedon, April 5th.

British-India and Apcar Line

Talma, to-day.

Tilwa, Jan. 12th.

Takliwa, Jan. 17th.

Takada, Jan. 26th.

Talamba, Feb. 4th.

Canadian Pacific Line.

Empress of France, Jan. 9th.

Empress of Australia, Feb. 13th.

Dollar S.S. Line.

President Taft, Jan. 7th.

President Van Buren, Jan. 12th.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen (John Manners & Co., Agents).

Danmark, to-day.

Siam, Jan. 15th.

Java, Jan. 20th.

Panama, Feb. 10th.

Austran, Feb. 11th.

Chile, Feb. 23rd.

Eastern and Australian Lines.

Arufura, Jan. 7th.

Tanda, Feb. 4th.

St. Albans, March 4th.

Glen Line.

Gleniffer, Jan. 9th.

Glenogle, Jan. 10th.

Cardigan, Jan. 21st.

Glenamoy, Feb. 11th.

Glenagarry, Feb. 18th.

Hamburg-America Line.

Emil Kirdorf, Jan. 9th.

Havelars, Jan. 19th.

Havellars, Jan. 22nd.

Havellars, Feb. 6th.

Ermland, Feb. 18th.

Leverkusen, March 4th.

Burgeland, March 16th.

Java-China-Japan Line.

Tjitaroom, Jan. 11th.

Tjikembang, Jan. 14th.

Tjikmanok, Jan. 14th.

Tjikarang, Jan. 18th.

Tjikboei, Jan. 23rd.

Tjikroen, Jan. 26th.

Tjiksalak, Jan. 28th.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

COMMANDER HOLE RETURNS.

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

Among the arrivals from Home of the P. & O. liner Morea which berthed at the Kowloon wharves yesterday afternoon was Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N. (retired), who has returned to the Colony from Home leave. Comdr. Hole will resume his duties as Harbour Master forthwith.

A Wooden Derelict.

The master of the s.s. Sokndal reports to the Harbour Department that a wooden derelict junk, with its mast apparently dismantled and scarcely afloat, was sighted in Lat. 22° 15' N., and Long. 115° 25' E., at 7.40, G.M.T. on January 2nd, 1929. The master considers the derelict dangerous to navigation.

Report From S.S. Mantua.

The P. & O. liner Mantua which arrived here from Yokohama and Shanghai reports a case of pulmonary tuberculosis.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.

Five vessels brought 415 Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday.

Messages Maritime.

Athos II, Jan. 15th.
Sphinx, Jan. 16th.
General Metzing, Jan. 27th.
D'Aragan, Jan. 29th.
Adria Lehen, Feb. 25th.
Portos, March 12th.
Chenonceau, March 28th.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Genoa Maru, to-day.
Suwa Maru, to-morrow.
Penang Maru, Jan. 9th.
Awa Maru, Jan. 10th.
Atsuta Maru, Jan. 11th.
Kawachi Maru, Jan. 12th.
Matsuyama Maru, Jan. 13th.
Lyons Maru, Jan. 16th.

Mishima Maru, Jan. 17th.

Akita Maru, Jan. 20th.

Pushimi Maru, Jan. 20th.

Durban Maru, Jan. 21st.

Tokushima Maru, Jan. 21st.

Aki Maru, Jan. 22nd.

Kashima Maru, Jan. 25th.

Tatsuno Maru, Jan. 25th.

Anyo Maru, Jan. 27th.

Bingo Maru, Jan. 27th.

Hakodate Maru, Jan. 27th.

Tottori Maru, Jan. 27th.

Atago Maru, Jan. 30th.

Ceylon Maru, Jan. 30th.

Koyei Maru, Jan. 30th.

Korea Maru, Feb. 4th.

Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.

Fulda, Jan. 12th.

Trier, Jan. 13th.

Lahn, Jan. 30th.

Derfflinger, Feb. 10th.

Goettingen, Feb. 28th.

Saarbrücken, March 13th.

Peninsular and Oriental.

Kidderepo, Jan. 10th.

Kashgar, Jan. 18th.

Padua, Jan. 18th.

Kalyan, Jan. 19th.

Mirzapore, Jan. 29th.

Macedonia, Feb. 1st.

Khiva, Feb. 15th.

Malwa, March 1st.

Nagpore, March 3rd.

Khyber, March 7th.

Naldara, March 15th.

Lahore, March 24th.

Karmala, March 21st.

Jeyore, April 11th.

Kashmir, April 11th.

Prince Line.

Japanese Prince, Jan. 28th.

Japanese Prince, Feb. 21st.

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"KALYAN"	9,144	18th Jan. 1929	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"ALIPORE"	9,473	24th Jan. "	Strait, Colombo & Bombay.
"MOREA"	10,953	2nd Feb. "	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	7th Feb. "	Strait, Colombo & Bombay.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	16th Feb. "	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	2nd Mar. "	Marseilles and London.
"PADUA"	5,907	9th Mar. "	Mars, P'ion, A'werp, B'dm, H'bg
"KHIVA"	9,135	18th Mar. "	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"KHYBER"	9,114	23rd Mar. "	do.
"MALWA"	10,980	30th Mar. "	Marseilles & London.
"NALDERA"	16,088	13th Apr. "	S'byr, Mars, & London.
"KASHMALA"	9,123	20th Apr. "	Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,948	27th Apr. "	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	9,339	11th May "	Marseilles and London.
"MOREA"	10,953	23rd May "	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	31st June "	Marseilles and London.
"BAPSUTANA"	16,588	22nd June "	Bombay, Marseilles & P'ion.

